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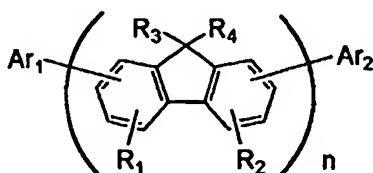
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(54) Title: FLUORENE COMPOUND AND ORGANIC LUMINESCENT DEVICE USING THE SAME



[ I ]

(57) Abstract: A fluorene compound represented by the following general formula [I] is used to provide an organic luminescent device. Such a device has an optical output exhibiting a high luminance with an extremely high efficiency, and has an extremely high durability.

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## DESCRIPTION

### FLUORENE COMPOUND AND ORGANIC LUMINESCENT DEVICE USING THE SAME

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#### TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a novel organic compound and an organic luminescent device using the same.

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#### BACKGROUND ART

An organic luminescent device is a device where a thin film containing a fluorescent organic compound or a phosphorescent organic compound is sandwiched 15 between an anode and a cathode; an electron and a hole injected from the respective electrodes generate an exciton of the fluorescent compound or the phosphorescent compound; and light emitted when the exciton returns to a ground state is utilized.

20 According to a study of Kodak company in 1987 (Appl. Phys. Lett. 51, 913 (1987)), there has been reported a luminescence of approximately 1000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> at an applied voltage of approximately 10 V in a device having a separated-function type two-layer 25 structure using ITO as an anode, a magnesium-silver alloy as a cathode, an aluminum quinolinol complex as an electron transport material and a luminescent

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material, and a triphenyl amine derivative as a hole transport material. The related patents include U.S.P. Nos. 4,539,507, 4,720,432, 4,885,211, and so on.

5 In addition, it is possible to generate a luminescence from ultraviolet to infrared ones by changing the kinds of the fluorescent organic compound, and in recent years, extensive studies have been made on various kinds of compounds. For 10 instance, such compounds are disclosed in U.S.P. Nos. 5,151,629, 5,409,783 and 5,382,477, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 2-247278, 3-255190, 5-202356, 9-202878, 9-227576, and so on.

In recent years, many studies have been made on 15 an application of energy in a triplet state to an EL using phosphorescent compounds as luminescent materials. A high luminous efficiency exhibited by an organic luminescent device using an iridium complex as a luminescent material has been reported 20 by a group at Princeton University (Nature 395, 151 (1998)).

Furthermore, in addition to the organic luminescent device using a low molecular weight material as mentioned above, an organic luminescent 25 device using a conjugated polymer has been reported by a group at Cambridge University (Nature, 347, 539 (1990)). In this report, a luminescence from a

single layer is confirmed through film formation of polyphenylene vinylene (PPV) using a coating system.

The related patents of the organic luminescent device using the conjugated polymer include U.S.P. No.

5 5,247,190; U.S.P. No. 5,514,878, U.S.P. No. 5,672,678, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 4-145192 and 5-247460, and so on.

In this way, a recent progress in the organic luminescent device is remarkable, and characteristics 10 thereof suggest a possibility of applications for various purposes, which enable the luminescent device with a high luminance even at a low applied voltage, a wide variety of luminous wavelengths, a high-speed response, and a thin and lightweight form.

15 However, an optical output with a higher luminance or higher conversion efficiency is required under the present conditions. In addition, many problems still remain to be solved regarding a durability against a change with time due to a long-term use, deterioration caused by an atmospheric gas containing oxygen, moisture, or the like. Furthermore, it is not still insufficient for solving problems related to the needs for luminescences of blue, green, and red having high color purity when 20 considering the applications to a full color display and the like.

## DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

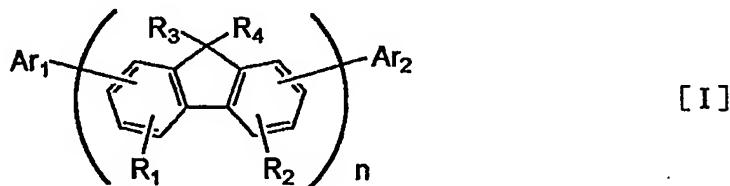
An object of the present invention is to provide a novel fluorene compound.

Also, another object of the present invention 5 is to provide an organic luminescent device using a specific fluorene compound, which has an optical output with an extremely high efficiency and a high luminance.

In addition, another object of the present 10 invention is to provide an organic luminescent device having an extremely high durability.

Furthermore, another object of the present invention is to provide an organic luminescent device that can be easily produced at relatively low costs.

15 Accordingly, a fluorene compound according to the present invention is represented by the following general formula [I]:



20 (wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a

substituted amino group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>1</sub> themselves or R<sub>2</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>1</sub> and 5 R<sub>2</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or 10 unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which R<sub>3</sub> themselves or R<sub>4</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> which are 15 bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> represent a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group having at least three benzene rings in total or a substituted or unsubstituted fused 20 polycyclic heterocyclic group bonded to the fluorene group with a carbon atom and having at least three rings including a benzene ring and a heterocyclic ring in total, in which Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> may be identical to or different from each other; and n represents an 25 integer of 1 to 10, preferably 1 to 3.)

Further, as a preferable form, an organic luminescent device according to the present invention

includes at least a pair of electrodes including an anode and a cathode and one or a plurality of layers containing an organic compound sandwiched between the pair of electrodes, in which at least one of the 5 layers containing the organic compound contains at least one of the fluorene compounds.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a cross-sectional view showing an 10 example of the organic luminescent device in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view showing another example of the organic luminescent device in accordance with the present invention.

15 Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing still another example of the organic luminescent device in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view showing still another example of the organic luminescent device in 20 accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view showing still another example of the organic luminescent device in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view showing still 25 another example of the organic luminescent device in accordance with the present invention.

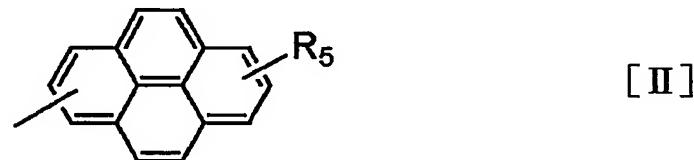
## BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

Hereinafter, the present invention will be described in detail.

First, the fluorene compound of the present invention will be described.

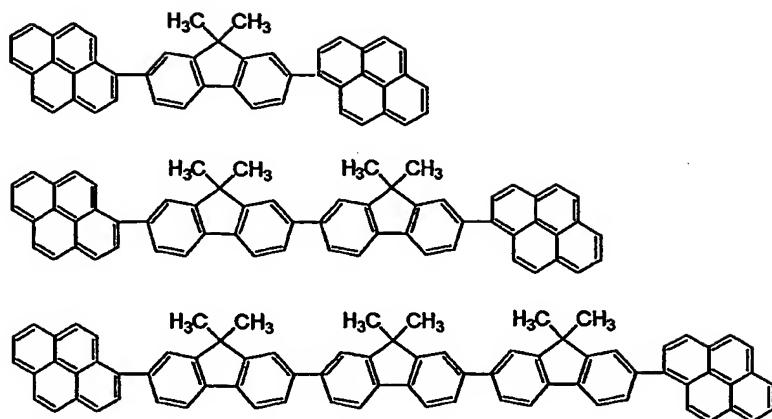
The fluorene compound of the present invention is represented by the above general formula [I].

Here, at least one of Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> is preferably a fused polycyclic aromatic group represented by the following general formula [II]:



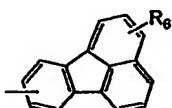
(wherein R<sub>5</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted amino group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom.)

Furthermore, the fluorene compound of the present invention is more preferably represented by one of the following structural formulas:

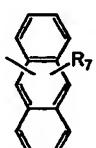


Further, at least one of  $\text{Ar}_1$  and  $\text{Ar}_2$  is  
preferably a fused polycyclic aromatic group

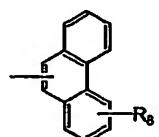
5 represented by one of the following general formulae  
[III] to [IX]:



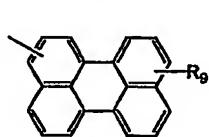
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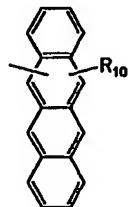
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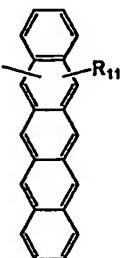
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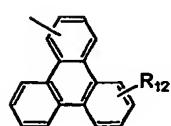
[VI]



[VII]



[VIII]



[IX]

(wherein R<sub>6</sub> to R<sub>12</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a 5 substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted amino group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom.)

Specific examples of substituents in the above general formula [I] to the above general formula [IX] 10 will be shown below.

As the alkyl group, a methyl group, an ethyl group, an n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, an n-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, an octyl group, and the like can be given.

15 As the aralkyl group, a benzyl group, a phenethyl group, and the like can be given.

As the aryl group, a phenyl group, a biphenyl group, a terphenyl group, and the like can be given.

20 As the heterocyclic group, a thienyl group, a pyrrolyl group, a pyridyl group, an oxazolyl group, an oxadiazolyl group, a thiazolyl group, a thiadiazolyl group, a terthienyl group, and the like can be given.

As the substituted amino group, a dimethylamino 25 group, a diethylamino group, a dibenzylamino group, a diphenylamino group, a ditolylamino group, a dianisylamino group, and the like can be given.

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As the halogen atom, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and the like can be given.

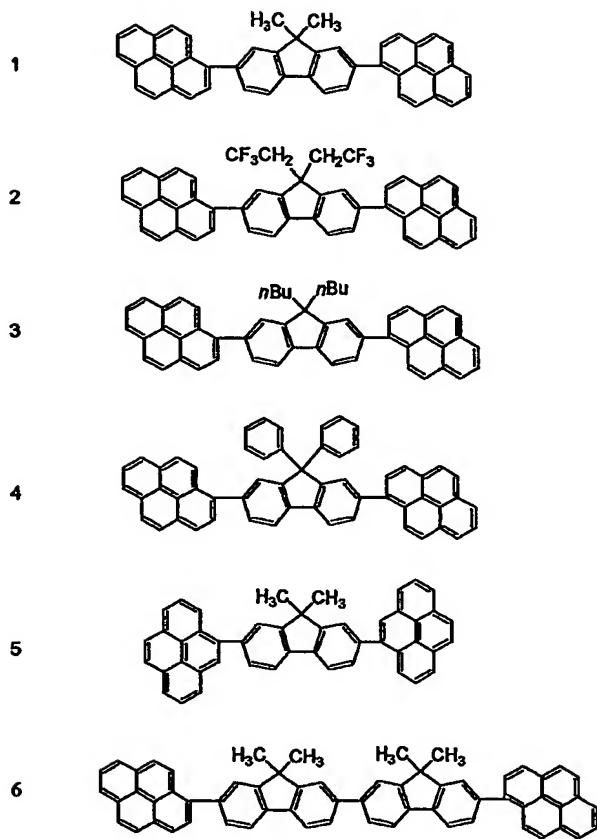
As the fused polycyclic aromatic group, a fluorenyl group, a naphthyl group, a fluoranthenyl group, an anthryl group, a phenanthryl group, a pyrenyl group, a tetracenyl group, a pentacenyl group, a triphenylenyl group, a perylenyl group, and the like can be given.

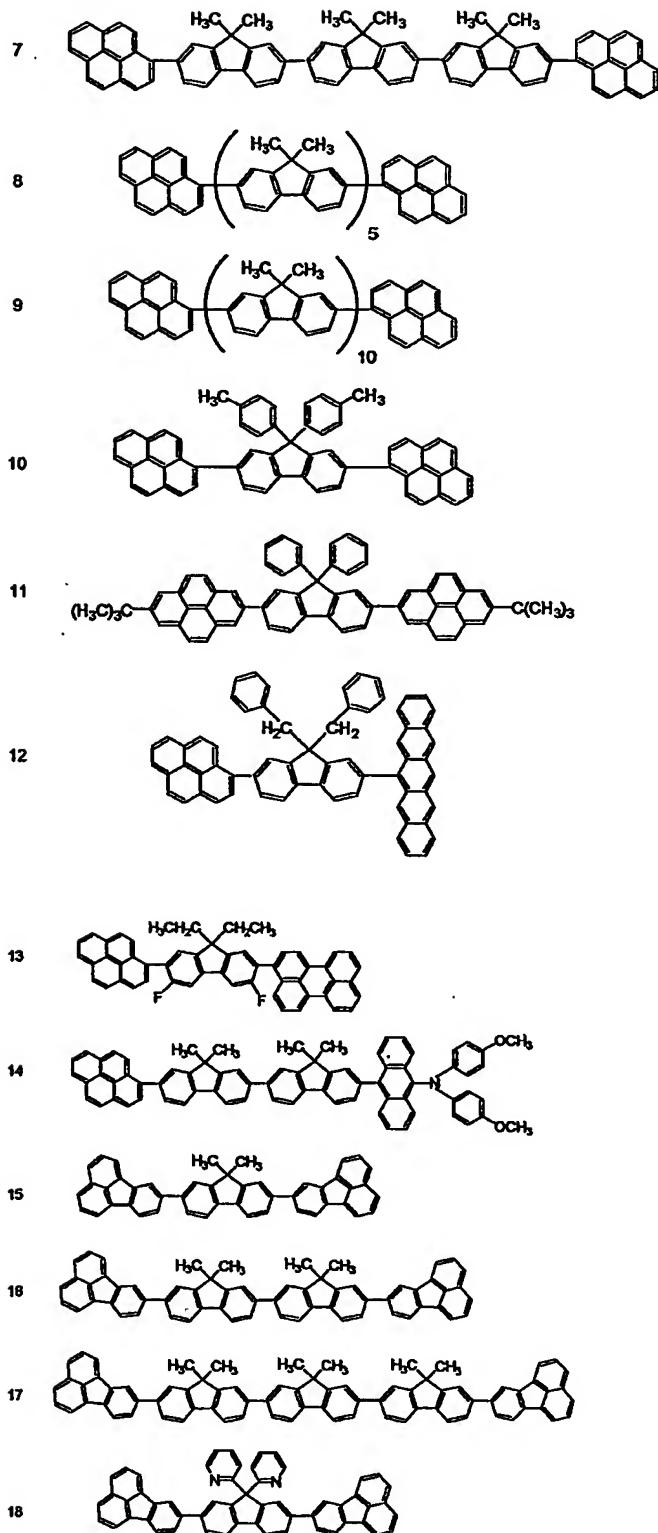
As the fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, a carbazolyl group, an acridinyl group, a phenanthrolyl group, and the like can be given.

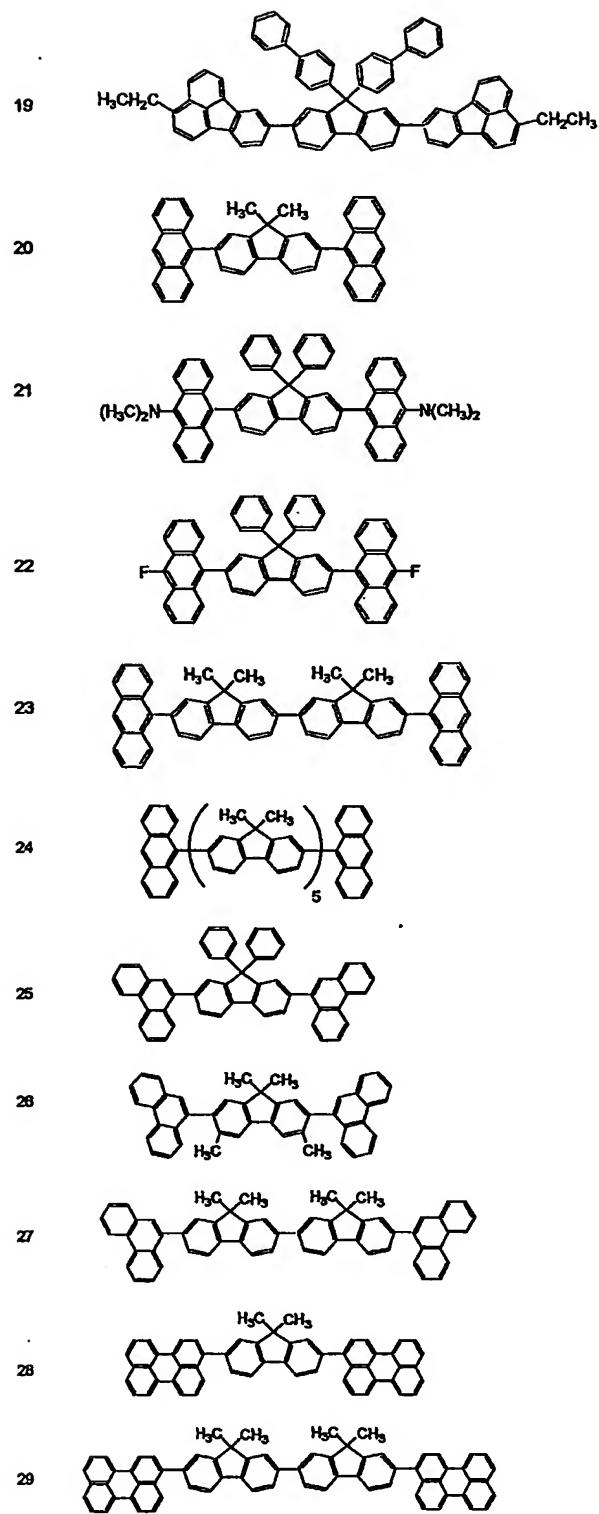
As substituents which the above-mentioned substituents may have, alkyl groups such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, and a propyl group; aralkyl groups such as a benzyl group and a phenethyl group; aryl groups such as a phenyl group and a biphenyl group; heterocyclic groups such as a thienyl group, a pyrrolyl group, and a pyridyl group; amino groups such as a dimethylamino group, a diethylamino group, a dibenzylamino group, a diphenylamino group, a ditolylamino group, and a dianisylamino group; alkoxy groups such as a methoxyl group, an ethoxyl group, a propoxyl group, and a phenoxy group; a cyano group; halogen atoms such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and iodine; and the like can be given.

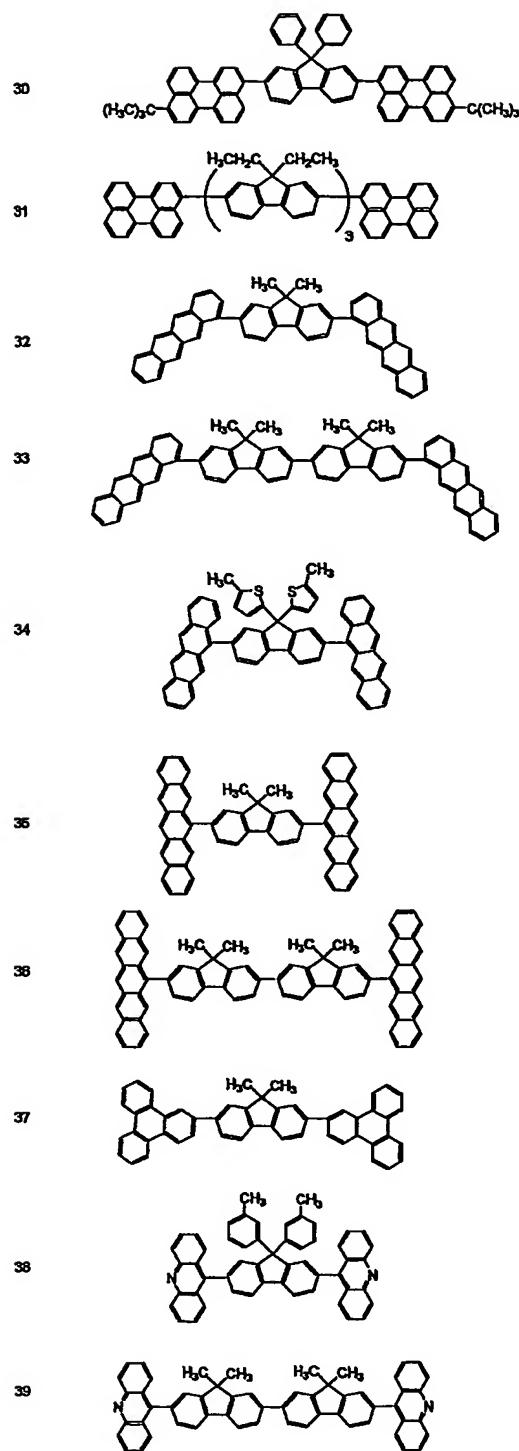
Next, typical examples of the fluorene compound of the present invention will be hereinafter given.

However, the present invention is not limited thereto.









The fluorene compound of the present invention can be synthesized by a well-known method and obtained by using, for example, a synthesis method such as Suzuki coupling method (e.g., Chem. Rev. 1995, 5 95, 2457-2483) using a palladium catalyst, Yamamoto method (e.g., Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 51, 2091, 1978) using a nickel catalyst, or a method in which a synthesis is performed by using a tin aryl compound (e.g., J. Org. Chem., 52, 4296, 1987).

10 The fluorene compound of the present invention is superior to the conventional compounds in electron transport property, luminescence property, and durability, which is useful for a layer containing an organic compound of an organic luminescent device, in 15 particular, an electron transport layer and a luminescent layer, and a layer formed by a vacuum evaporation method, a solution-coating method, etc., is hard to undergo crystallization or the like and is excellent in stability with time.

20 Next, the organic luminescent device of the present invention will be described in detail.

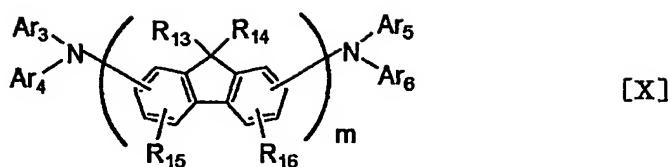
The organic luminescent device of the present invention includes at least a pair of electrodes including an anode and a cathode and one or a 25 plurality of layers containing an organic compound sandwiched between the pair of electrodes, in which at least one of the layers containing the organic

compound contains at least one of the fluorene compounds represented by the above general formula [I].

In the organic luminescent device of the 5 present invention, it is preferable that at least an electron transport layer or a luminescent layer among the organic compound-containing layers contain at least one of the fluorene compounds.

In the organic luminescent device of the 10 present invention, the fluorene compound represented by the above general formula [I] is formed between the anode and the cathode by the vacuum evaporation method or the solution-coating method. The organic layer is preferably formed into a thin film with a 15 thickness of less than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , more preferably 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, much more preferably 0.01 to 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Further, according to a preferable mode of the organic luminescent device of the present invention, at least a luminescent layer among the layers 20 containing the organic compound includes at least one of the fluorene compounds represented by the above general formula [I] and one of arylamine compounds represented by the following general formulae [X] to [XIV] and an acetylene compound represented by the 25 following general formula [XV]:



(wherein R<sub>13</sub> and R<sub>14</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a

5 substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which R<sub>13</sub> themselves or R<sub>14</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical

10 to or different from each other and R<sub>13</sub> and R<sub>14</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or

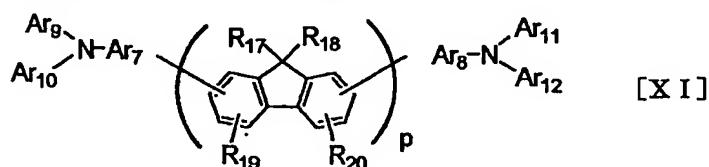
15 unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>15</sub> themselves or R<sub>16</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene

20 groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>3</sub>, Ar<sub>4</sub>, Ar<sub>5</sub>, and Ar<sub>6</sub> represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a

25 substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a

substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>3</sub>, Ar<sub>4</sub>, Ar<sub>5</sub>, and Ar<sub>6</sub> may be identical to or different from one

5 another and Ar<sub>3</sub>, Ar<sub>4</sub>, Ar<sub>5</sub>, and Ar<sub>6</sub> may be bonded with one another to form a ring; and m represents an integer of 1 to 10);



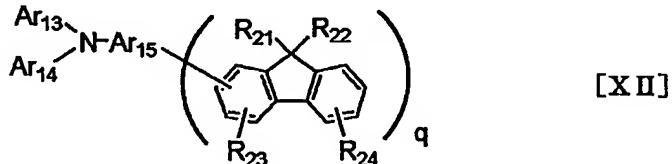
10 (wherein R<sub>17</sub> and R<sub>18</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which R<sub>17</sub> themselves or R<sub>18</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>17</sub> and R<sub>18</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub>

15 represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>19</sub> themselves or R<sub>20</sub>

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themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from 5 each other; Ar<sub>7</sub> and Ar<sub>8</sub> represent a divalent substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>7</sub> and Ar<sub>8</sub> may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>9</sub>, Ar<sub>10</sub>, Ar<sub>11</sub>, and Ar<sub>12</sub> represent a 10 substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>9</sub>, Ar<sub>10</sub>, Ar<sub>11</sub>, and Ar<sub>12</sub> may be 15 identical to or different from one another and Ar<sub>9</sub>, Ar<sub>10</sub>, Ar<sub>11</sub>, and Ar<sub>12</sub> may be bonded with one another to form a ring; and p represents an integer of 1 to 10);



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(wherein R<sub>21</sub> and R<sub>22</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a 25 substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in

which  $R_{21}$  themselves or  $R_{22}$  themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and  $R_{21}$  and  $R_{22}$  which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be

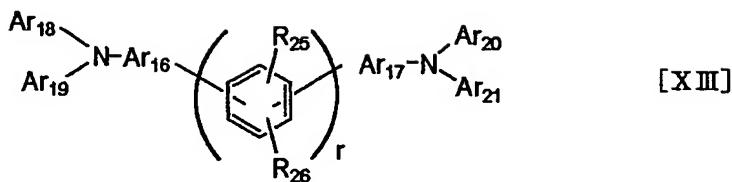
5 identical to or different from each other;  $R_{23}$  and  $R_{24}$  represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or

10 unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which  $R_{23}$  themselves or  $R_{24}$  themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and  $R_{23}$  and  $R_{24}$  which are bonded to the same

15 fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other;  $Ar_{13}$  and  $Ar_{14}$  represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a

20 substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which  $Ar_{13}$  and  $Ar_{14}$  may be identical to or different from each other and  $Ar_{13}$  and  $Ar_{14}$  may be bonded to each other to form a ring;  $Ar_{15}$  represents a divalent substituted or unsubstituted

25 aromatic group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and  $q$  represents an integer of 1 to 10);



(wherein R<sub>25</sub> and R<sub>26</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a

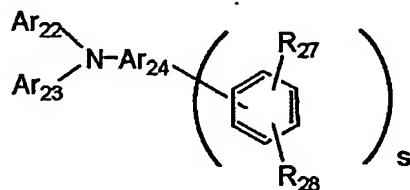
5 substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>25</sub> themselves or R<sub>26</sub> themselves which are bonded to

10 different phenylene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>25</sub> and R<sub>26</sub> which are bonded to the same phenylene group may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>16</sub> and Ar<sub>17</sub> represent a divalent substituted or unsubstituted

15 aromatic group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>16</sub> and Ar<sub>17</sub> may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>18</sub>, Ar<sub>19</sub>, Ar<sub>20</sub>, and Ar<sub>21</sub> represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or

20 unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>18</sub>, Ar<sub>19</sub>, Ar<sub>20</sub>, and Ar<sub>21</sub> may be identical to or different from one another and

$\text{Ar}_{18}$ ,  $\text{Ar}_{19}$ ,  $\text{Ar}_{20}$ , and  $\text{Ar}_{21}$  may be bonded with one another to form a ring; and  $r$  represents an integer of 1 to 10);

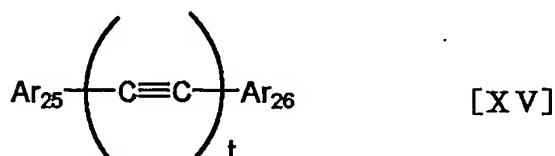


[XIV]

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(wherein  $\text{R}_{27}$  and  $\text{R}_{28}$  represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a 10 substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which  $\text{R}_{27}$  themselves or  $\text{R}_{28}$  themselves which are bonded to different phenylene groups may be identical to or different from each other and  $\text{R}_{27}$  and  $\text{R}_{28}$  which are 15 bonded to the same phenylene group may be identical to or different from each other;  $\text{Ar}_{22}$  and  $\text{Ar}_{23}$  represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused 20 polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which  $\text{Ar}_{22}$  and  $\text{Ar}_{23}$  may be identical to or different from each other and  $\text{Ar}_{22}$  and  $\text{Ar}_{23}$  may be bonded to each other to form a ring;  $\text{Ar}_{24}$  represents a divalent

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and s represents an integer of 1 to 10); and

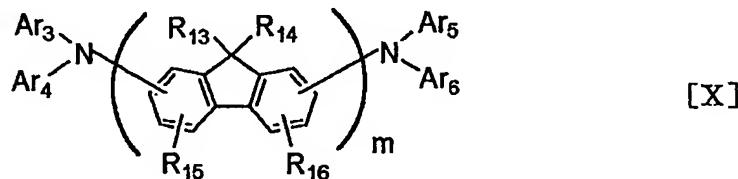


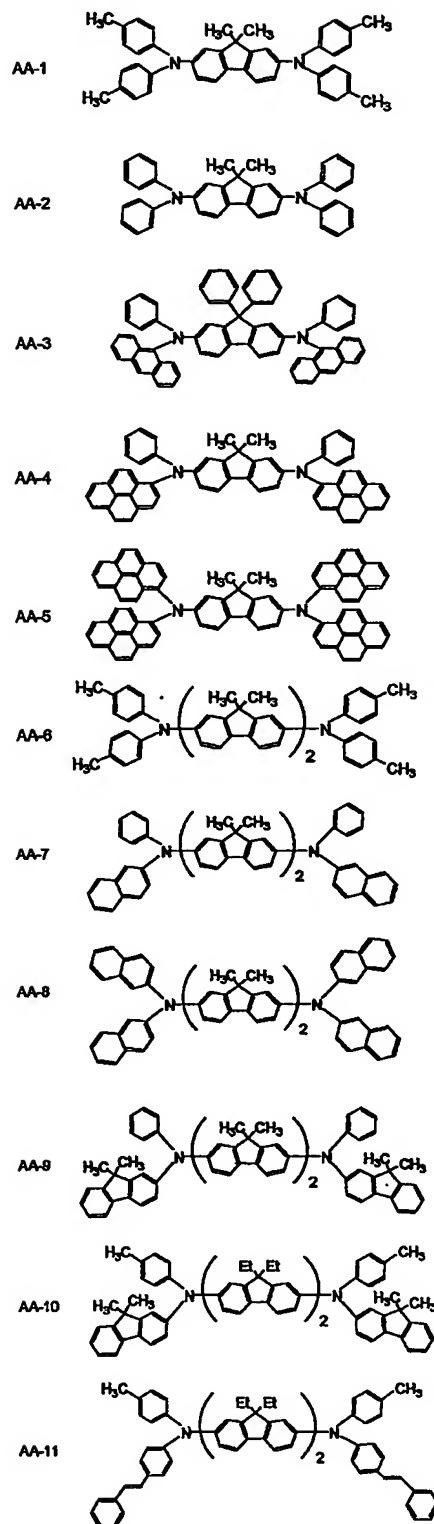
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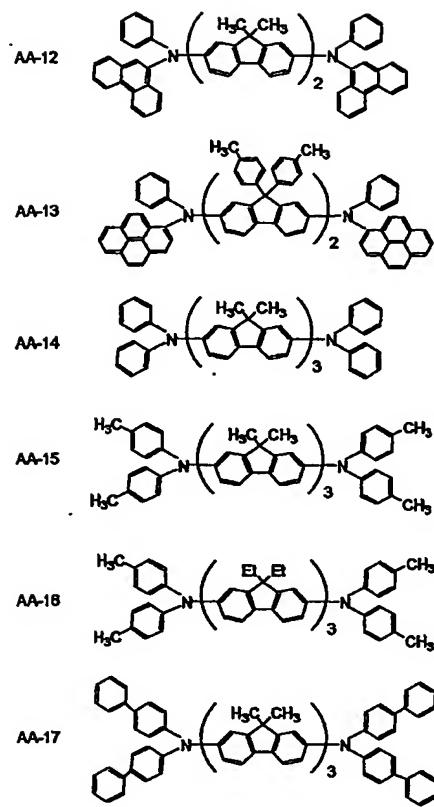
(wherein  $\text{Ar}_{25}$  and  $\text{Ar}_{26}$  represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a

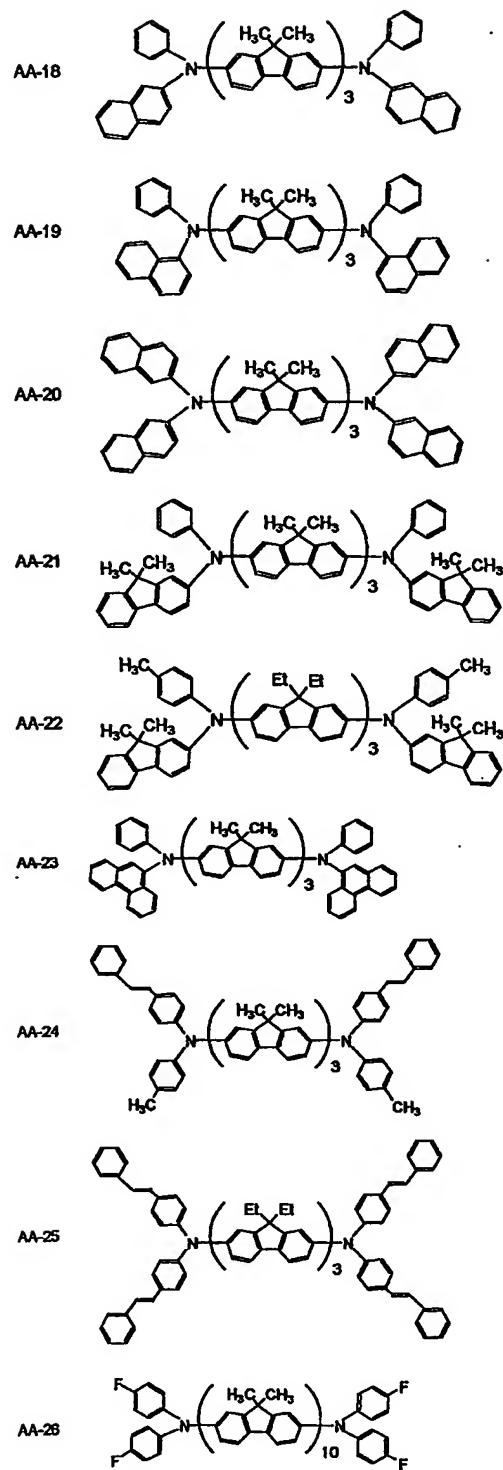
10 substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which  $\text{Ar}_{25}$  and  $\text{Ar}_{26}$  may be identical to or different from each other; and t represents an integer of 1 to 5.)

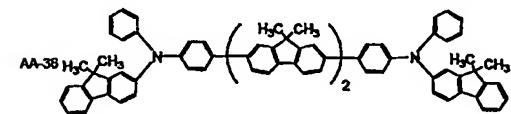
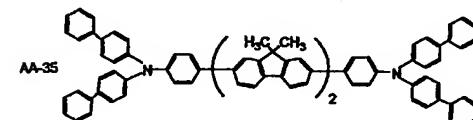
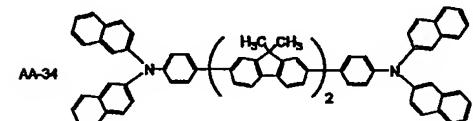
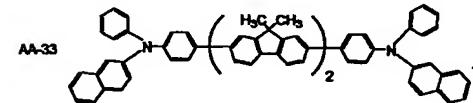
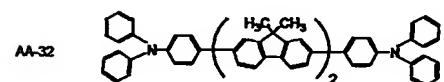
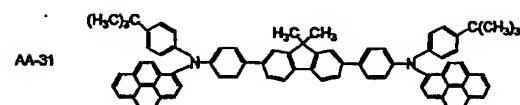
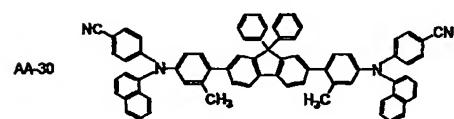
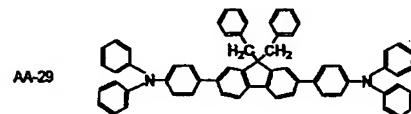
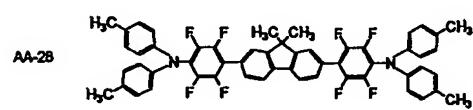
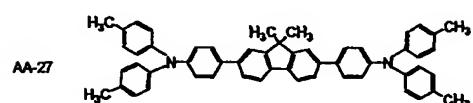
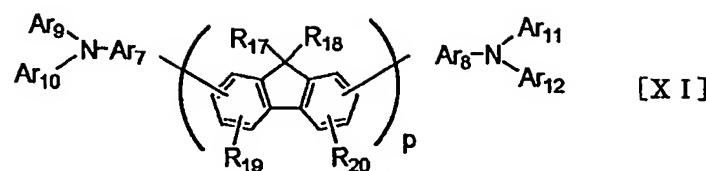
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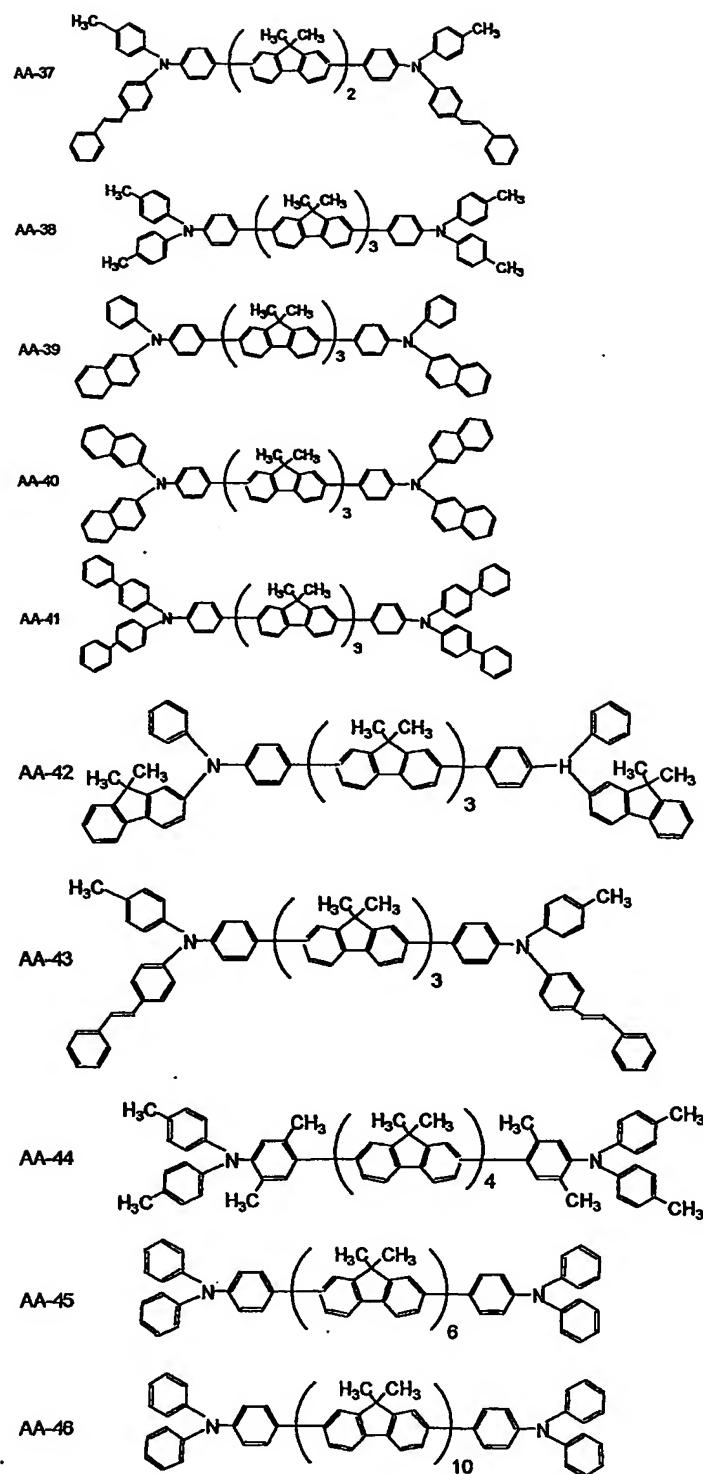


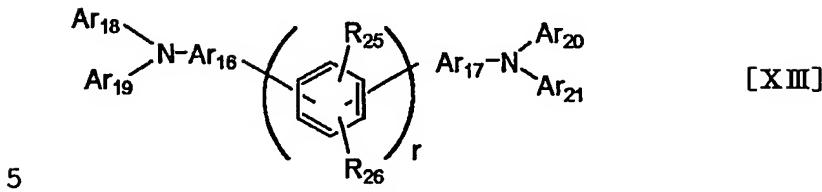
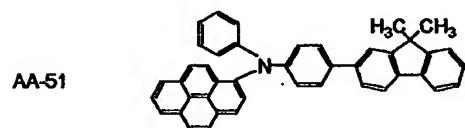
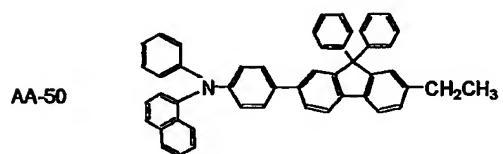
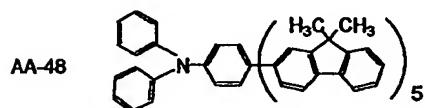
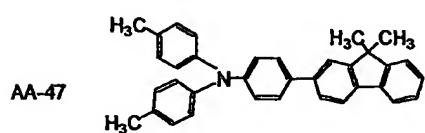
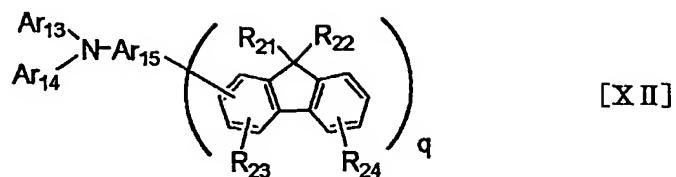


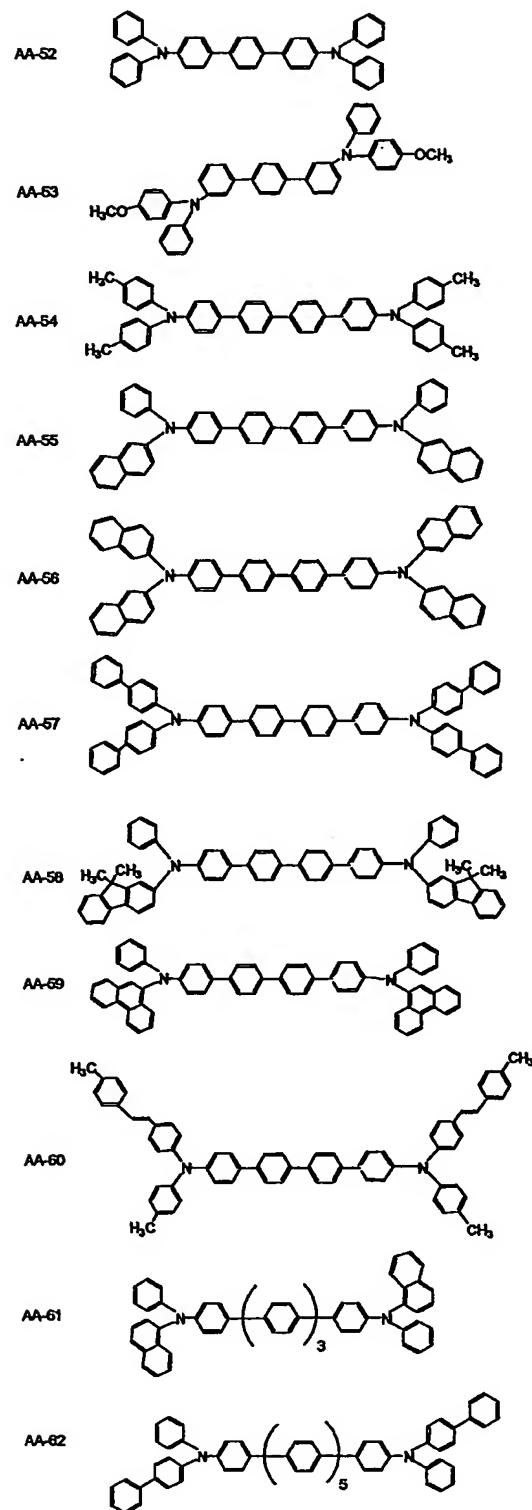


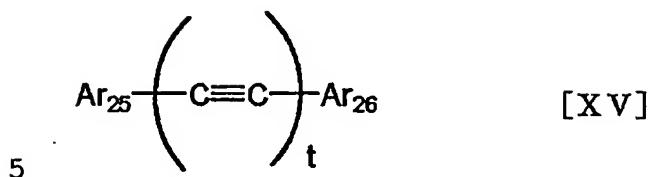
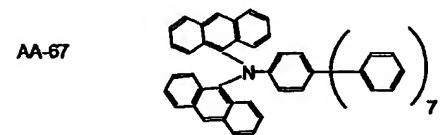
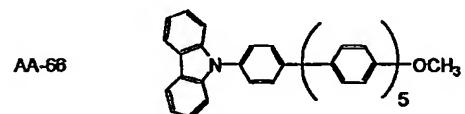
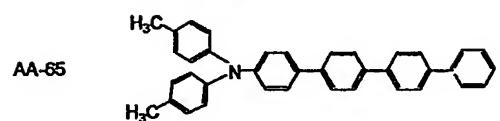
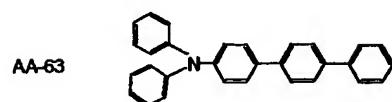
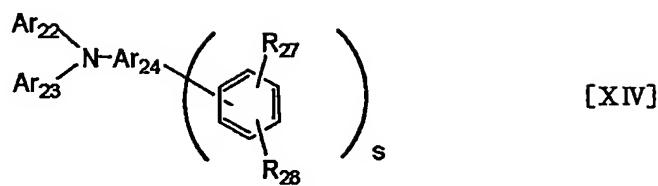


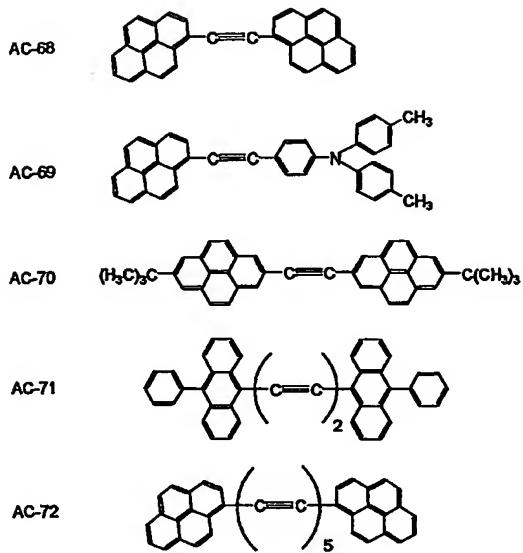












In Figs. 1 to 6, preferable examples of the organic luminescent device of the present invention  
5 are shown.

Fig. 1 is a cross-sectional view showing an example of the organic luminescent device of the present invention. In Fig. 1, the device is composed of an anode 2, a luminescent layer 3, and a cathode 4, 10 which are formed on a substrate 1 in order. The luminescent device with this structure is advantageous when the luminescent material used herein has a hole-transporting ability, an electron-transporting ability, and a luminescence property in 15 itself or when plural compounds having the respective characteristics are used as mixed.

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view showing another example of the organic luminescent device of

the present invention. In Fig. 2, the device is composed of an anode 2, a hole transport layer 5, an electron transport layer 6, and a cathode 4, which are formed on a substrate 1 in order. In this case, 5 a luminescent material having either or both of a hole transport property and an electron transport property is advantageously used for the corresponding one of the layers, in combination with a hole transport material or an electron transport material 10 having no luminescence property for the other layer. In addition, in this case, the luminescent layer 3 is composed of either the hole transport layer 5 or the electron transport layer 6.

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing still 15 another example of the organic luminescent device of the present invention. In Fig. 3, the device is composed of an anode 2, a hole transport layer 5, a luminescent layer 3, an electron transport layer 6, and a cathode 4, which are formed on a substrate 1 in 20 order. With this arrangement, a carrier transport function and a luminescence function are separated from each other, and plural compounds respectively having a hole transport property, an electron transport property, and a luminescence property are 25 used appropriately in combination therewith. Thus, the degree of freedom upon selecting materials extremely increases. In addition, various kinds of

compounds having different luminous wavelengths can be used. Therefore, a variety of luminescence hues can be achieved. Furthermore, it also becomes possible to increase the luminous efficiency by 5 effectively confining each carrier or exciton in the middle luminescent layer 3.

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view showing still another example of the organic luminescent device of the present invention. In Fig. 4, as compared with 10 the example of Fig. 3, the device is constructed such that a hole injecting layer 7 is inserted on the anode 2 side. It is effective for improving an adhesion between the anode 2 and the hole transport layer 5 or improving a hole injection property. Thus, 15 this arrangement is effective for lowering a voltage.

Figs. 5 and 6 are cross-sectional views showing other examples of the organic luminescent device of the present invention, respectively. In Figs. 5 and 6, as compared with the examples of Figs. 3 and 4, 20 the device is constructed such that a layer (a hole-blocking layer 8) serving to prevent a hole or an exciton from passing toward the cathode 4 side is inserted between the luminescent layer 3 and the electron transport layer 6. The use of a compound 25 having an extremely high ionization potential for the hole-blocking layer 8 is effective for improving the luminous efficiency.

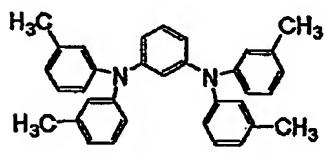
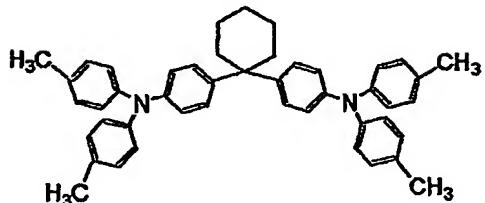
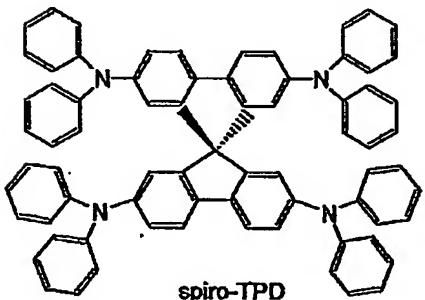
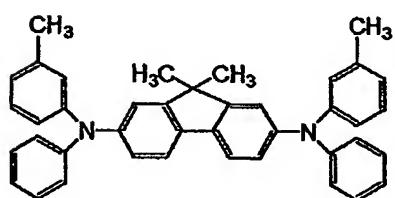
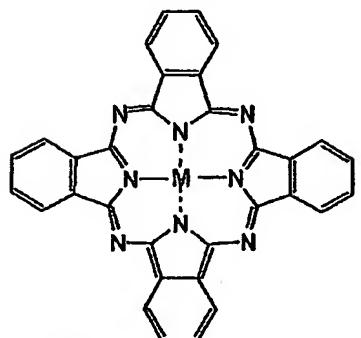
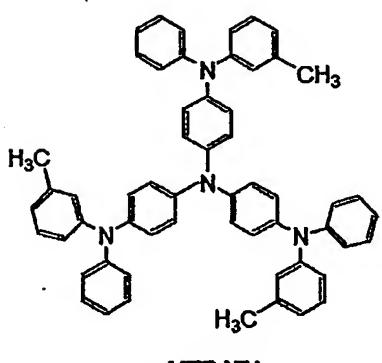
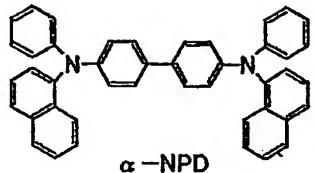
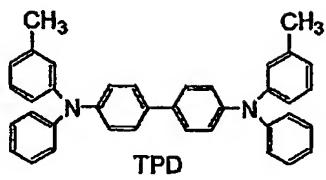
Note that, in Figs. 1 to 6, there are shown common basic device structures. The structure of the organic luminescent device using the compound of the present invention is not limited thereto. For 5 example, it is possible to adopt various layer structures such as one in which an insulating layer is formed at the interface between an electrode and an organic layer, one in which an adhesive layer or an interference layer is formed, and one in which the 10 hole transport layer is composed of two layers with different ionization potentials.

The fluorene compound represented by the general formula [I] to be used in the present invention is a compound superior to the conventional 15 compounds in electron transport property, luminescence property, and durability, and the fluorene compound can be used in any of the modes shown in Figs. 1 to 6.

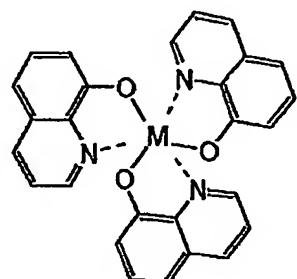
In the present invention, the fluorene compound 20 represented by the general formula [I] is used as a component for the electron transport layer or the luminescent layer. However, hole transport compounds, luminescent compounds, electron transport compounds, or other such well-known compounds may be used 25 together as needed.

Examples of those compounds will be given below.

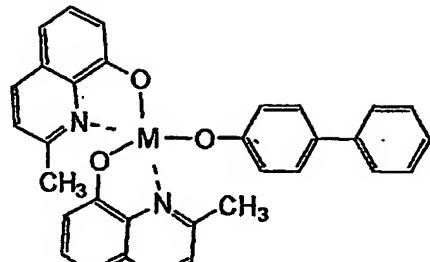
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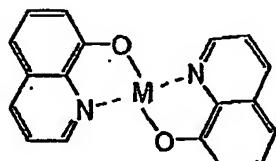
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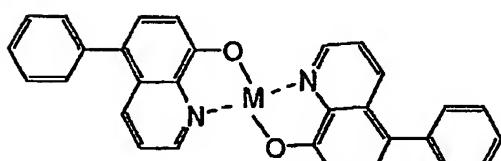
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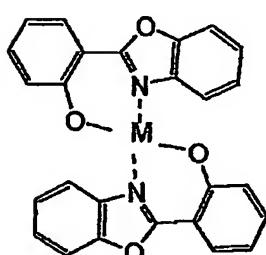
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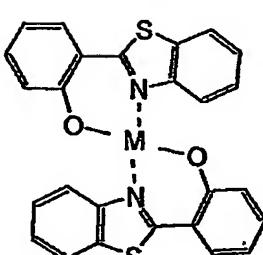
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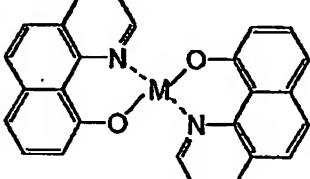
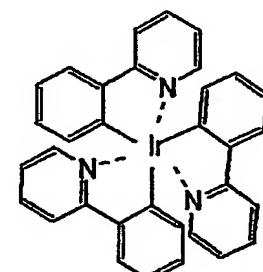
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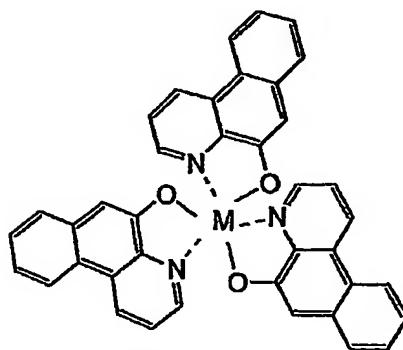
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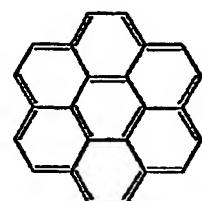
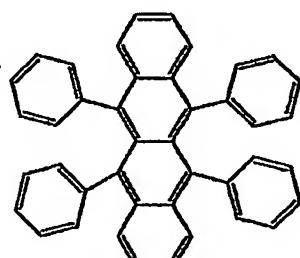
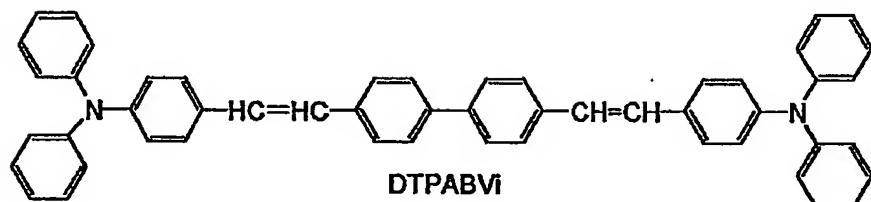
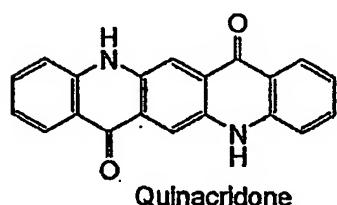
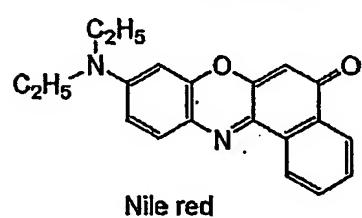
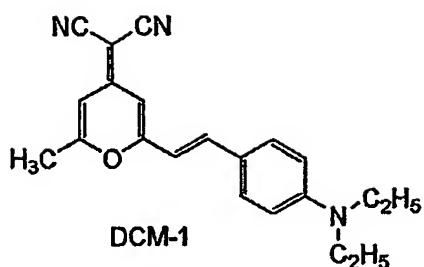
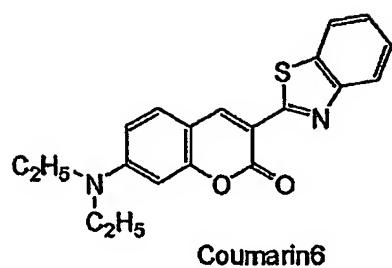


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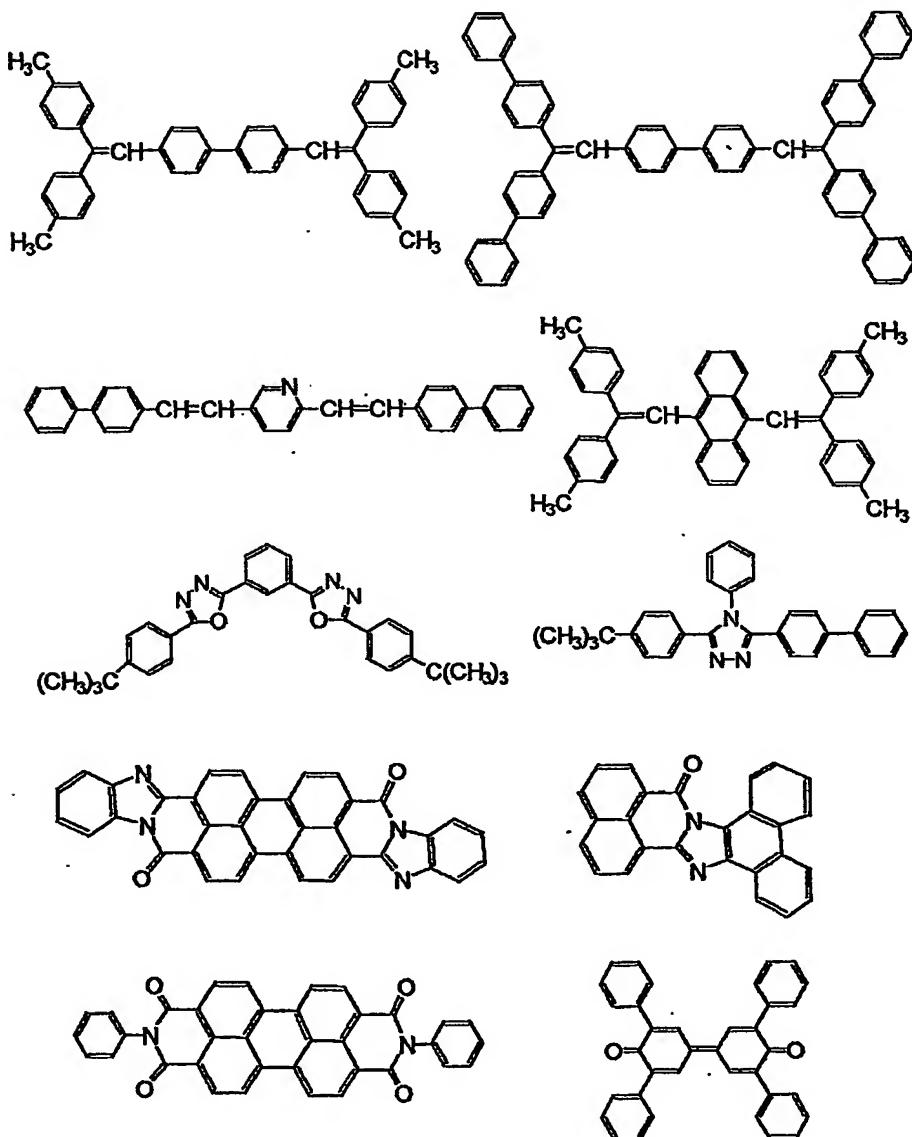


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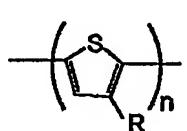
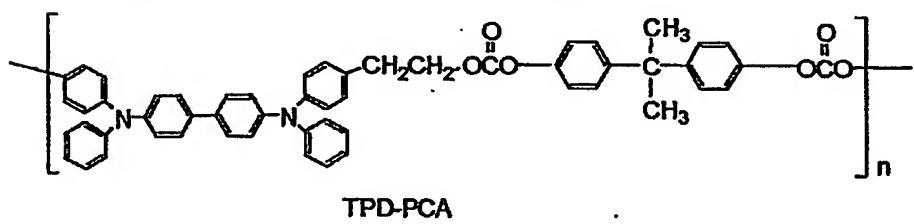
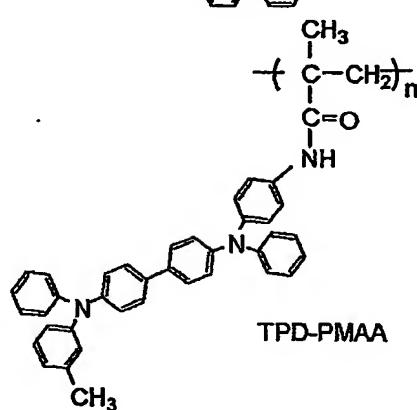
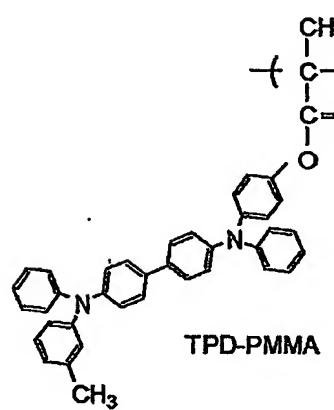
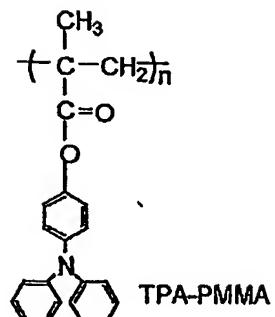
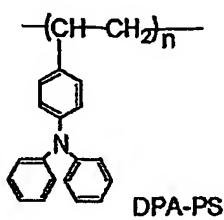
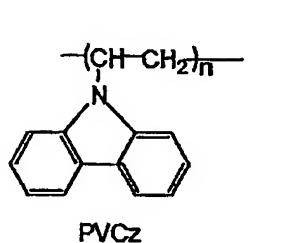
## Luminescent material:



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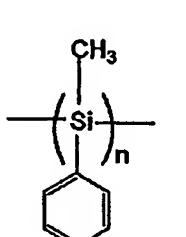


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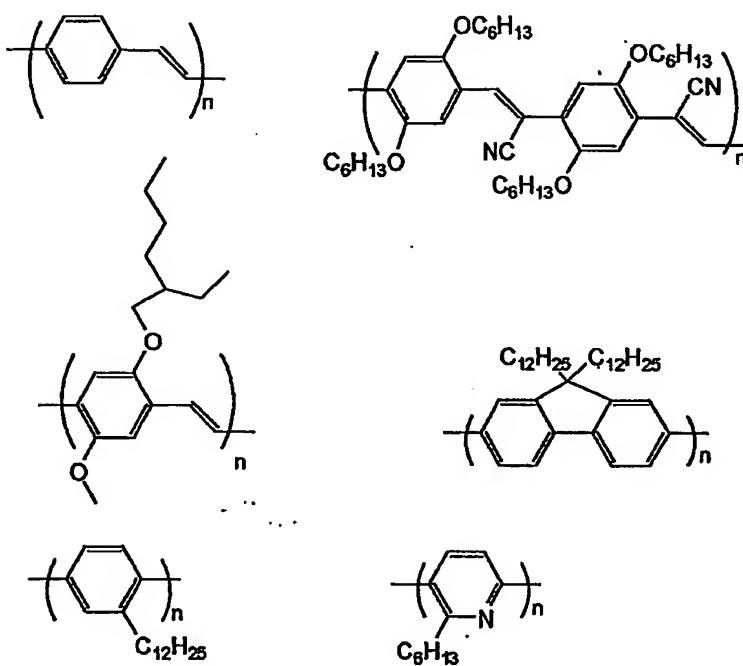
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Poly thiophene



Polysilane

Polymeric luminescent material and charge transport material:



5        In the organic luminescent device of the present invention, the layer containing the fluorene compound represented by the general formula [I] and the layer containing other organic compounds are generally formed as thin films by a vacuum

10      evaporation method or by a coating method after being dissolved in an appropriate solvent. In particular, in the case of forming a film with the coating method, the film formation may be performed in combination with an appropriate binder resin.

15      The above binder resin can be selected from a

wide variety of binder resins including, for example, poly(vinylcarbazole) resin, polycarbonate resin, polyester resin, polyarylate resin, polystyrene resin, acrylic resin, methacrylic resin, butyral resin,

5 poly(vinyl acetal) resin, diallyl phthalate resin, phenolic resin, epoxy resin, silicone resin, polysulfone resin, and urea resin, although not limited thereto. In addition, one of the above resins may be used solely, or two or more such resins

10 may be combined with each other as a copolymer.

Preferably, the anode material may have a work function that is as large as possible. For example, a simple metal substance such as gold, platinum, nickel, palladium, cobalt, selenium, or vanadium, or

15 an alloy thereof, or a metal oxide such as tin oxide, zinc oxide, indium tin oxide (ITO), or indium zinc oxide can be used. In addition, a conductive polymer such as polyaniline, polypyrrole, polythiophene, or poly(phenylene sulfide) can be also used. Any one of

20 those electrode materials may be used solely or the plural electrode materials may be used in combination.

On the other hand, preferably, the cathode material may have a small work function. For example, a simple metal substance such as lithium, sodium,

25 potassium, cesium, calcium, magnesium, aluminum, indium, silver, lead, tin, or chromium, or an alloy of the plural substances can be used therefor. It is

also possible to use a metal oxide such as indium tin oxide (ITO). In addition, the cathode may take either a single-layer structure or a multi-layer structure.

5 The substrate used in the present invention may be, although not particularly limited, an untransparent substrate such as a metallic substrate or a ceramic substrate, or a transparent substrate formed of glass, quartz, plastic sheet, or the like.

10 In addition, it is also possible to control the luminescent color by using a color filter film, a fluorescent color-converting filter film, a dielectric reflection film, or the like for the substrate.

15 Furthermore, a protective layer or a sealing layer may be also formed on the prepared device for preventing the device from contacting oxygen, moisture, or the like. The protective layer may be a diamond thin film, a film made of an inorganic

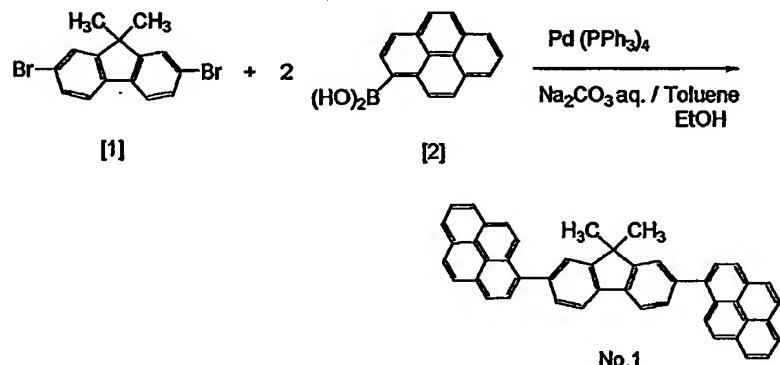
20 material such as a metal oxide or a metal nitride, or a polymer film made of fluoroplastics, poly(paraxylylene), polyethylene, silicone resin, polystyrene resin, or the like. In addition, a photo-curing resin or the like can be used therefor.

25 Furthermore, it is also possible to package the device itself with an appropriate sealing resin while covering with glass, a gas-impermeable film, a metal,

or the like.

Hereinafter, the present invention will be described in more detail based on examples. However, the present invention is not limited to those 5 examples.

<Synthesis Example 1> [Synthesis of Exemplified Compound No. 1]

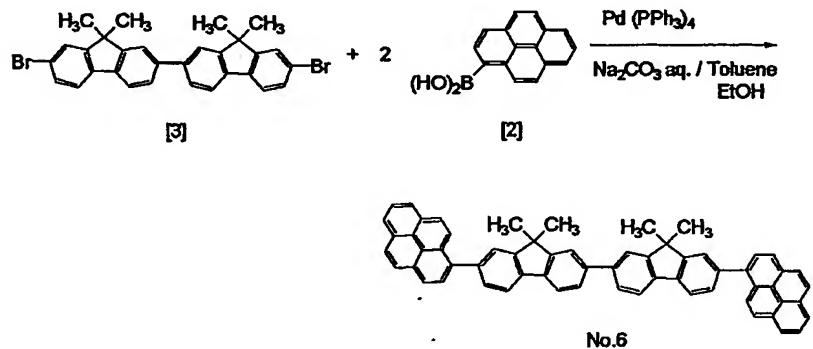


10 To a 500-ml three-neck flask, 2.0 g (5.68 mmol) of 2,7-dibromo-9,9-dimethylfluorene [1], 4.2 g (17.0 mmol) of pyrene-1-boronic acid [2], 120 ml of toluene, and 60 ml of ethanol were added. Then, an aqueous solution of 24 g of sodium carbonate / 120 ml of 15 water was dropped thereinto with stirring in a nitrogen atmosphere at a room temperature, followed by the addition of 0.33 g (0.28 mmol) of tetrakis (triphenylphosphine) palladium (0). After stirring the mixture for 30 minutes at a room temperature, the 20 temperature was allowed to rise to 77°C, followed by stirring for 5 hours. After the reaction, an organic

layer was extracted with chloroform and was then dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, followed by purification with a silica gel column (hexane + toluene mixture developing solvent). Consequently,

5 3.0 g (89% yield) of an exemplified compound No. 1 (white crystal) was obtained.

<Synthesis Example 2> [Synthesis of Exemplified Compound No. 6]

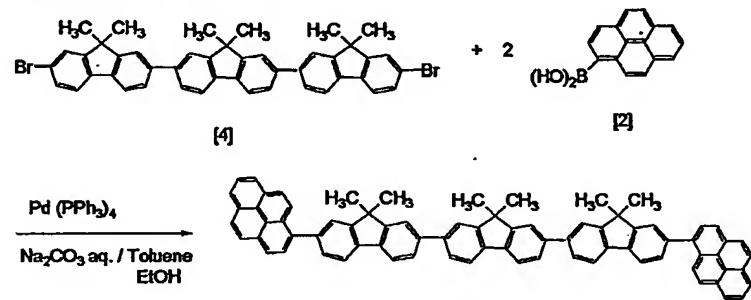


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To a 500-ml three-neck flask, 3.0 g (5.49 mmol) of dibromofluorene compound [3], 4.0 g (16.5 mmol) of pyrene-1-boronic acid [2], 100 ml of toluene, and 50 ml of ethanol were added. Then, an aqueous solution 15. of 20 g of sodium carbonate / 100 ml of water was dropped thereinto with stirring in a nitrogen atmosphere at a room temperature, followed by the addition of 0.33 g (0.28 mmol) of tetrakis (triphenylphosphine) palladium (0). After stirring 20. the mixture for 30 minutes at a room temperature, the temperature was allowed to rise to 77°C, followed by

stirring for 5 hours. After the reaction, an organic layer was extracted with chloroform and was then dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, followed by purification with a silica gel column (hexane + 5 toluene mixture developing solvent). Consequently, 3.4 g (79% yield) of an exemplified compound No. 6 (white crystal) was obtained.

<Synthesis Example 3> [Synthesis of Exemplified Compound No. 7]



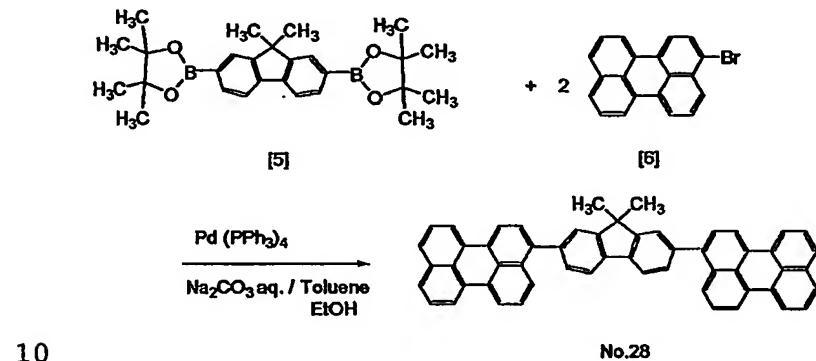
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No.7

To a 500-ml three-neck flask, 3.0 g (4.07 mmol) of dibromofluorene compound [4], 3.0 g (12.2 mmol) of pyrene-1-boronic acid [2], 100 ml of toluene, and 50 15 ml of ethanol were added. Then, an aqueous solution of 16 g of sodium carbonate / 80 ml of water was dropped thereinto with stirring in a nitrogen atmosphere at a room temperature, followed by the addition of 0.23 g (0.20 mmol) of tetrakis (triphenylphosphine) palladium (0). After stirring the mixture for 30 minutes at a room temperature, the temperature was allowed to rise to 77°C, followed by 20

stirring for 5 hours. After the reaction, an organic layer was extracted with chloroform and was then dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, followed by purification with a silica gel column (hexane + toluene mixture developing solvent). Consequently, 2.7 g (68% yield) of an exemplified compound No. 7 (white crystal) was obtained.

<Synthesis Example 4> [Synthesis of Exemplified Compound No. 28]



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No.28

To a 500-ml three-neck flask, 3.0 g (6.74 mmol) of diborate fluorene [5], 6.7 g (20.2 mmol) of 3-bromoperylene [6], 140 ml of toluene, and 70 ml of ethanol were added. Then, an aqueous solution of 26 g of sodium carbonate / 130 ml of water was dropped thereinto with stirring at a room temperature in a nitrogen atmosphere, followed by the addition of 0.39 g (0.34 mmol) of tetrakis (triphenylphosphine) palladium (0). After stirring the mixture for 30 minutes at a room temperature, the temperature was

allowed to rise to 77°C, followed by stirring for 10 hours. After the reaction, an organic layer was extracted with chloroform and was then dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, followed by purification 5 with a silica gel column (hexane + toluene mixture developing solvent). Consequently, 3.1 g (66% yield) of an exemplified compound No. 28 (white crystal) was obtained.

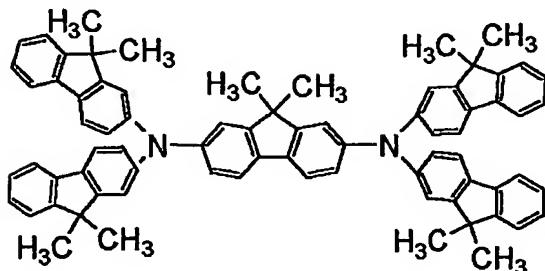
(Example 1)

10 A device having the structure shown in Fig. 2 was prepared.

On a glass substrate as the substrate 1, indium tin oxide (ITO) was deposited into a film with a thickness of 120 nm by a sputtering method to obtain 15 the anode 2, so that the substrate thus formed was used as a transparent conductive support substrate. The substrate was sequentially subjected to ultrasonic cleaning with acetone and with isopropyl alcohol (IPA). Following this, the substrate was 20 washed with IPA through boiling and then dried. Furthermore, the substrate after UV/ozone cleaning was used as the transparent conductive support substrate.

On the transparent conductive support substrate, 25 a chloroform solution of the compound represented by the following structural formula was applied to form a film of 30 nm in thickness by a spin-coating method,

resulting in the hole transport layer 5.



Furthermore, a fluorene compound represented as  
5 the exemplified compound No. 1 was deposited into a  
film of 50 nm in thickness by a vacuum evaporation  
method, resulting in the electron transport layer 6.  
The film formation was performed under the conditions  
that the degree of vacuum at the time of evaporation  
10 was  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ Pa and the film formation rate was 0.2  
to 0.3 nm/sec.

A metal layer film of 50 nm in thickness was  
formed on the above organic layer as the cathode 4  
using an evaporation material including aluminum and  
15 lithium (lithium concentration: 1% by atom) by a  
vacuum evaporation method, and further an aluminum  
layer of 150 nm in thickness was formed by a vacuum  
evaporation method. The film formation was performed  
under the conditions that the degree of vacuum at the  
20 time of evaporation was  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ Pa and the film  
formation rate was 1.0 to 1.2 nm/sec.

Furthermore, the resultant structure was  
covered with a protective glass plate in a nitrogen

atmosphere and was then sealed with an acrylic resin adhesive.

When a direct current voltage of 10 V was applied onto the device thus obtained with an ITO 5 electrode (anode 2) provided as a positive electrode and an Al-Li electrode (cathode 4) provided as a negative electrode, electric current was caused to flow into the device at a current density of 12.5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and blue-colored luminescence at a luminance 10 of 8500 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was observed.

Furthermore, when the current density was kept at 10.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and the voltage was applied for 100 hours, the deterioration of luminance was small; an initial luminance of 7200 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was reduced to a 15 luminance of 6800 cd/m<sup>2</sup> after 100 hours.

(Examples 2 to 10)

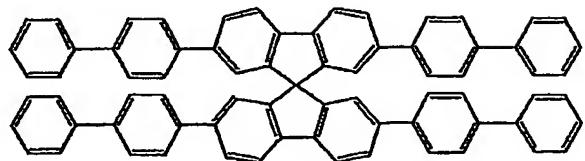
Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 1, except that compounds shown in Table 1 were used in place of the exemplified 20 compound No. 1. The results are shown in Table 1.

(Comparative Examples 1 to 3)

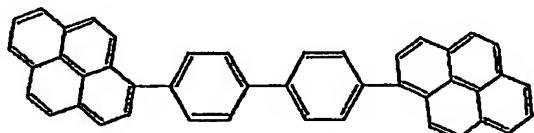
Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 1, except that compounds represented by the following structural formulae were 25 used in place of the exemplified compound No. 1. The results are shown in Table 1.

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Comparative Compound No. 1



Comparative Compound No. 2



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Comparative Compound No. 3

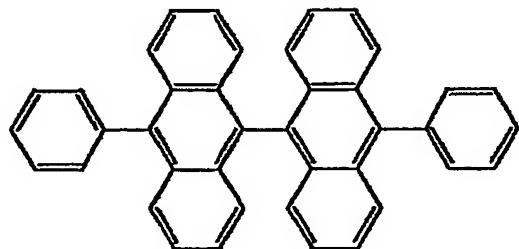


Table 1

Example No.	Exemplified compound No.	Initial stage		Durability	
		Applied voltage (V)	Luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Initial luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )
Example 1	1	10	8500	10.0	7200
Example 2	6	10	8800	10.0	7900
Example 3	13	10	4800	10.0	4300
Example 4	15	10	8200	10.0	7000
Example 5	22	10	5000	10.0	4500
Example 6	27	10	7400	10.0	7200
Example 7	29	10	8000	10.0	7100
Example 8	32	10	6600	10.0	5700
Example 9	35	10	6700	10.0	5600
Example 10	39	10	4700	10.0	4300
Comparative Example 1	Comparative 1	10	900	10.0	750
Comparative Example 2	Comparative 2	10	750	10.0	700
Comparative Example 3	Comparative 3	10	1400	10.0	1100
					500

## (Example 11)

A device having the structure shown in Fig. 3 was prepared.

Similarly to Example 1, the hole transport 5 layer 5 was formed on the transparent conductive support substrate.

Further, a fluorene compound represented as an exemplified compound No. 2 was deposited into a film of 20 nm in thickness by a vacuum evaporation method, 10 resulting in the luminescent layer 3. The film formation was performed under the conditions that the degree of vacuum at the time of evaporation was  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ Pa and the film formation rate was 0.2 to 0.3 nm/sec.

15 Furthermore, aluminum tris quinolinol was deposited into a film of 40 nm in thickness by a vacuum evaporation method, resulting in the electron transport layer 6. The film formation was performed under the conditions that the degree of vacuum at the 20 time of evaporation was  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ Pa and the film formation rate was 0.2 to 0.3 nm/sec.

Next, after forming the cathode 4 in the same manner as in Example 1, the resultant structure was sealed.

25 When a direct current voltage of 8 V was applied onto the device thus obtained with the ITO electrode (anode 2) provided as a positive electrode

and the Al-Li electrode (cathode 4) provided as a negative electrode, electric current was caused to flow into the device at a current density of 12.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and blue-colored luminescence at a luminance 5 of 16000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was observed.

Furthermore, when the current density was kept at 10.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and the voltage was applied for 100 hours, the deterioration of luminance was small; an initial luminance of 14000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was reduced to a 10 luminance of 13000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> after 100 hours.

(Examples 12 to 22)

Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 11, except that compounds shown in Table 2 were used in place of the 15 exemplified compound No. 7. The results are shown in Table 2.

(Comparative Examples 4 to 6)

Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 11, except that comparative 20 compounds No. 1 to No. 3 were used in place of the exemplified compound No. 7. The results are shown in Table 2.

Table 2

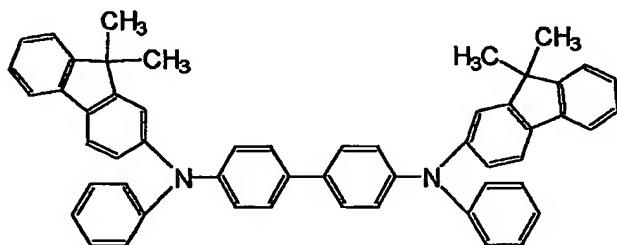
Example No.	Exemplified compound No.	Initial stage		Durability	
		Applied voltage (V)	Luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Initial luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )
Example 11	2	8	16000	10.0	14000
Example 12	5	8	10000	10.0	9000
Example 13	7	8	14000	10.0	11000
Example 14	9	8	12000	10.0	10000
Example 15	11	8	13000	10.0	10000
Example 16	16	8	10000	10.0	8000
Example 17	21	8	8500	10.0	7500
Example 18	26	8	9000	10.0	8000
Example 19	30	8	9500	10.0	9000
Example 20	33	8	10000	10.0	9000
Example 21	37	8	10000	10.0	8500
Example 22	38	8	9000	10.0	8000
Comparative Example 4	Comparative 1	8	2000	10.0	1500
Comparative Example 5	Comparative 2	8	1500	10.0	1000
Comparative Example 6	Comparative 3	8	3000	10.0	2500
					1000

(Example 23)

A device having the structure shown in Fig. 3 was prepared.

On the transparent conductive support substrate 5 similar to that in Example 1, a chloroform solution of a compound represented by the following structural formula was applied to form a film of 20 nm in thickness by a spin-coating method, resulting in the hole transport layer 5.

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Furthermore, the fluorene compound represented as the exemplified compound No. 1 and the arylamine compound represented as an exemplified compound No. 15 AA-6 (weight ratio of 100 : 1) were deposited into a film with a thickness of 20 nm by a vacuum evaporation method to form the luminescent layer 3. The film formation was performed under the conditions that the degree of vacuum at the time of evaporation 20 was  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa and the film formation rate was 0.2 to 0.3 nm/sec.

Furthermore, aluminum tris quinolinol is deposited into a film of 40 nm in thickness by a

vacuum evaporation method, resulting in the electron transport layer 6. The film formation was performed under the conditions that the degree of vacuum at the time of evaporation was  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ Pa and the film formation rate was 0.2 to 0.3 nm/sec.

5 Next, after forming the cathode 4 in the same manner as in Example 1, the resultant structure was sealed. When a direct current voltage of 8 V was applied on the device thus obtained with an ITO 10 electrode (anode 2) provided as a positive electrode and an Al-Li electrode (cathode 4) provided as a negative electrode, electric current was caused to flow into the device at a current density of 13.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and blue-colored luminescence at a luminance 15 of 32000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was observed.

Furthermore, when the current density was kept at 10.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and the voltage was applied for 100 hours, the deterioration of luminance was small; the initial luminance of 25000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was reduced to a 20 luminance of 22000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> after 100 hours.

(Examples 24 to 77)

Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 23, except that compounds shown in Tables 3 to 5 were used in place of the 25 exemplified fluorene compound No. 1 and the exemplified arylamine compound No. AA-6, respectively. The results are shown in Tables 3 to 5.

## (Comparative Examples 7 to 9)

Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 23, except that the comparative compounds No. 1 to No. 3 were used in 5 place of the exemplified compound No. 1. The results are shown in Table 5

Table 3

Example No.	Exemplified compound No.	Exemplified arylamine compound No.	Initial stage			Durability	
			Applied voltage (V)	Luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Initial luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Luminance after 100-hour (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )
Example 23	1	AA-6	8	32000	10.0	25000	22000
Example 24	1	AA-7	8	34000	10.0	28000	25000
Example 25	1	AA-10	8	35000	10.0	28000	24000
Example 26	1	AA-1	8	31000	10.0	24000	20000
Example 27	1	AA-2	8	31000	10.0	23000	20000
Example 28	8	AA-3	8	22000	10.0	19000	16000
Example 29	10	AA-4	8	24000	10.0	20000	17000
Example 30	10	AA-5	8	19000	10.0	17000	15000
Example 31	10	AA-12	8	23000	10.0	21000	17000
Example 32	12	AA-13	8	26000	10.0	22000	17000
Example 33	1	AA-14	8	32000	10.0	26000	21000
Example 34	2	AA-14	8	35000	10.0	27000	22000
Example 35	1	AA-15	8	34000	10.0	29000	25000
Example 36	1	AA-18	8	37000	10.0	31000	27000
Example 37	1	AA-21	8	35000	10.0	30000	25000
Example 38	5	AA-21	8	36000	10.0	29000	26000
Example 39	1	AA-24	8	38000	10.0	32000	28000
Example 40	14	AA-26	8	18000	10.0	17000	14000
Example 41	1	AA-27	8	30000	10.0	24000	21000

Table 4

Example No.	Exemplified compound No.	Exemplified arylamine compound No.	Initial stage			Durability	
			Applied voltage (V)	Luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Initial luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Luminance after 100-hour (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )
Example 42	10	AA-28	8	20000	10.0	18000	14000
Example 43	10	AA-29	8	16000	10.0	13000	10000
Example 44	17	AA-30	8	17000	10.0	15000	11000
Example 45	18	AA-31	8	22000	10.0	19000	17000
Example 46	1	AA-32	8	33000	10.0	27000	23000
Example 47	1	AA-33	8	34000	10.0	29000	25000
Example 48	1	AA-37	8	36000	10.0	31000	28000
Example 49	1	AA-38	8	31000	10.0	25000	21000
Example 50	1	AA-39	8	35000	10.0	30000	25000
Example 51	8	AA-44	8	23000	10.0	21000	18000
Example 52	1	AA-45	8	29000	10.0	23000	19000
Example 53	19	AA-46	8	29000	10.0	24000	19000
Example 54	1	AA-47	8	30000	10.0	24000	21000
Example 55	1	AA-48	8	27000	10.0	20000	16000
Example 56	8	AA-49	8	19000	10.0	16000	12000
Example 57	10	AA-50	8	25000	10.0	20000	15000
Example 58	10	AA-51	8	24000	10.0	20000	17000
Example 59	1	AA-52	8	30000	10.0	25000	22000
Example 60	28	AA-53	8	19000	10.0	14000	10000

Table 5

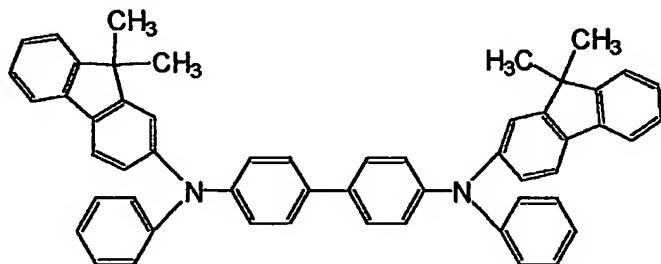
Example No.	Exemplified compound No.	Exemplified arylamine compound No.	Initial stage			Durability	
			Applied voltage (V)	Luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Initial luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Luminance after 100-hour (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )
Example 61	1	AA-54	8	31000	10.0	25000	23000
Example 62	1	AA-55	8	32000	10.0	27000	25000
Example 63	1	AA-58	8	31000	10.0	24000	22000
Example 64	2	AA-58	8	33000	10.0	27000	23000
Example 65	5	AA-55	8	30000	10.0	25000	22000
Example 66	28	AA-61	8	25000	10.0	22000	17000
Example 67	1	AA-62	8	27000	10.0	23000	20000
Example 68	1	AA-63	8	29000	10.0	23000	20000
Example 69	1	AA-64	8	27000	10.0	20000	18000
Example 70	1	AA-65	8	30000	10.0	24000	20000
Example 71	31	AA-66	8	18000	10.0	15000	10000
Example 72	10	AA-67	8	16000	10.0	14000	9000
Example 73	1	AC-68	8	31000	10.0	26000	22000
Example 74	1	AC-69	8	28000	10.0	22000	18000
Example 75	1	AC-70	8	30000	10.0	23000	18000
Example 76	28	AC-71	8	21000	10.0	18000	14000
Example 77	28	AC-72	8	23000	10.0	20000	16000
Comparative Example 7	Comparative 1	AA-6	8	5000	10.0	4000	1500
Comparative Example 8	Comparative 2	AA-6	8	3500	10.0	2500	900
Comparative Example 9	Comparative 3	AA-6	8	6000	10.0	4000	1000

(Example 78)

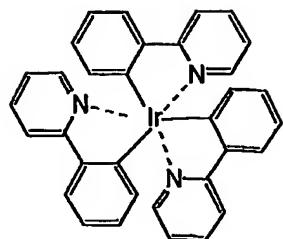
A device having the structure shown in Fig. 3 was prepared.

On the transparent conductive support substrate 5 similar to that in Example 1, a chloroform solution of a compound represented by the following structural formula was applied to form a film of 20 nm in thickness by a spin-coating method, resulting in the hole transport layer 5.

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Furthermore, the fluorene compound represented as an exemplified compound No. 20 and a compound represented by the following structural formula 15 (weight ratio of 100 : 5) were deposited into a film with a thickness of 20 nm by a vacuum evaporation method to form the luminescent layer 3. The film formation was performed under the conditions that the degree of vacuum at the time of evaporation was  $1.0 \times 20 10^{-4}$  Pa and the film formation rate was 0.2 to 0.3 nm/sec.



Furthermore, bathophenanthroline (BPhen) is deposited into a film of 40 nm in thickness by a 5 vacuum evaporation method, resulting in the electron transport layer 6. The film formation was performed under the conditions that the degree of vacuum at the time of evaporation was  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa and the film formation rate was 0.2 to 0.3 nm/sec.

10 Next, after forming the cathode 4 in the same manner as in Example 1, the resultant structure was sealed. When a direct current voltage of 8 V was applied on the device thus obtained with an ITO electrode (anode 2) provided as a positive electrode 15 and an Al-Li electrode (cathode 4) provided as a negative electrode, electric current was caused to flow into the device at a current density of 10.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and green-colored luminescence at a luminance of 11000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was observed.

20 Furthermore, when the current density was kept at 7.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and the voltage was applied for 100 hours, the deterioration of luminance was small; an initial luminance of 8000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was reduced to a

luminance of 6500 cd/m<sup>2</sup> after 100 hours.

(Examples 79 to 87)

Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 78, except that a compound 5 shown in Table 6 was used in place of the exemplified compound No. 20. The results are shown in Table 6.

(Comparative Examples 10 to 12)

Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 78, except that the 10 comparative compounds No. 1 to No. 3 were used in place of the exemplified compound No. 20.. The results are shown in Table 6.

Table 6

Example No.	Exemplified compound No.	Initial stage		Durability	
		Applied voltage (V)	Luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Initial luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )
Example 78	20	8	11000	7.0	8000
Example 79	21	8	7000	7.0	6000
Example 80	23	8	10000	7.0	8000
Example 81	24	8	9500	7.0	7000
Example 82	25	8	12000	7.0	9500
Example 83	27	8	10000	7.0	7500
Example 84	32	8	8000	7.0	6000
Example 85	34	8	7000	7.0	6000
Example 86	36	8	7500	7.0	7000
Example 87	39	8	9000	7.0	8000
Comparative Example 10	Comparative 1	8	3000	7.0	2000
Comparative Example 11	Comparative 2	8	1000	7.0	800
Comparative Example 12	Comparative 3	8	2000	7.0	1500

(Example 88)

A device having the structure shown in Fig. 1 was prepared.

On a transparent conductive support substrate 5 which was similar to that of Example 1, a solution prepared by dissolving 0.050 g of a fluorene compound represented as the exemplified compound No. 1 and 1.00 g of poly-N-vinyl carbazole (weight average molecular weight = 63,000) in 80 ml of chloroform was 10 applied to form a film of 120 nm in thickness by a spin-coating method (rotation speed = 2000 rpm) to form the organic layer (luminescent layer 3).

Next, after forming the cathode 4 in the same manner as in Example 1, the resultant structure was 15 sealed. When a direct current voltage of 10 V was applied on the device thus obtained with an ITO electrode (anode 2) provided as a positive electrode and an Al-Li electrode (cathode 4) provided as a negative electrode, electric the current was caused 20 to flow into the device at a current density of 8.5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and blue-colored luminescence at a luminance of 3200 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was observed.

Furthermore, when the current density was kept at 5.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and the voltage was applied for 100 25 hours in the nitrogen atmosphere, the deterioration of luminance was small; the initial luminance of 2500 cd/m<sup>2</sup> was reduced to a luminance of 2100 cd/m<sup>2</sup> after

100 hours.

(Examples 89 to 92)

Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 88, except that a compound 5 shown in Table 7 was used in place of the exemplified compound No. 1. The results are shown in Table 7.

(Comparative Examples 13 to 15)

Devices were prepared and evaluated in the same way as that of Example 88, except that the 10 comparative compounds No. 1 to No. 3 were used in place of the exemplified compound No. 1. The results are shown in Table 7.

Table 7

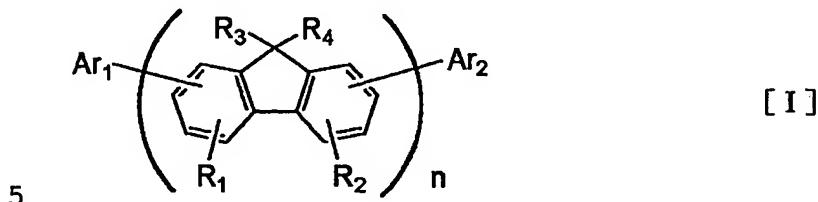
Example No.	Exemplified compound No.	Initial stage		Durability	
		Applied voltage (V)	Luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Initial luminance (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )
Example 88	1	10	3200	5.0	2500
Example 89	6	10	3500	5.0	3000
Example 90	7	10	3400	5.0	2800
Example 91	15	10	2600	5.0	2200
Example 92	28	10	2200	5.0	2000
Comparative	Comparative	10	850	5.0	750
Example 13	1				400
Comparative	Comparative	10	650	5.0	600
Example 14	2				80
Comparative	Comparative	10	800	5.0	700
Example 15	3				250

As described above with reference to the embodiments and the examples, the organic luminescent device using the fluorene compound represented by the general formula [1] provides luminescence with a high 5 luminance by the application of a low voltage and is excellent in durability. In particular, the organic layer containing the fused polycyclic compound of the present invention is excellent as the electron transport layer and is also excellent as the 10 luminescent layer.

Furthermore, the device can be prepared by using a vacuum evaporation method or a casting method, so that the device having a large area can be easily prepared at a relatively low cost.

## CLAIMS

1. A fluorene compound represented by the following general formula [I]:

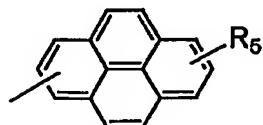


(wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a 10 substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted amino group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>1</sub> themselves or R<sub>2</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be 15 identical to or different from each other and R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or 20 unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which R<sub>3</sub> themselves or R<sub>4</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or

different from each other and R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> represent a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic 5 aromatic group having at least three benzene rings in total or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group bonded to the fluorene group with a carbon atom and having at least three rings including a benzene ring and a heterocyclic 10 ring in total, in which Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> may be identical to or different from each other; and n represents an integer of 1 to 10.)

2. A fluorene compound according to Claim 1, 15 wherein n is an integer of 1 to 3.

3. A fluorene compound according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> is a fused 20 polycyclic aromatic group represented by the following general formula [II]:

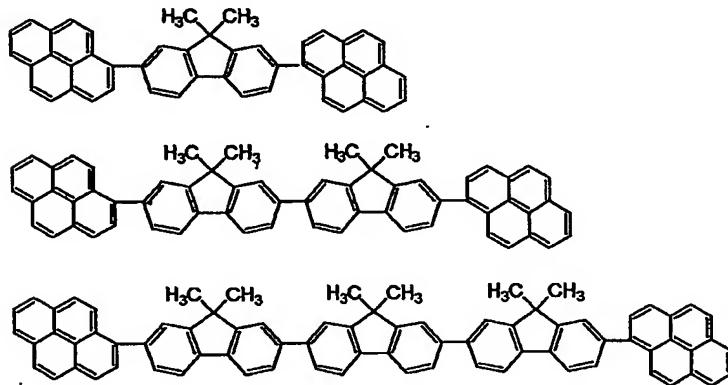


[II]

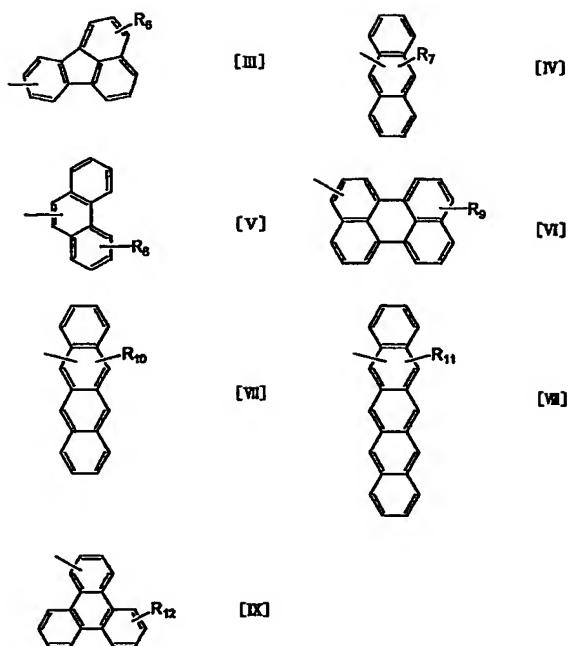
(wherein R<sub>5</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or 25 unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or

unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or  
unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted amino  
group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom.)

5 4. A fluorene compound according to Claim 3,  
wherein the compound is represented by one of the  
following structural formulas:



10 5. A fluorene compound according to Claim 1,  
wherein at least one of  $Ar_1$  and  $Ar_2$  is a fused  
polycyclic aromatic group represented by one of the  
following general formulae [III] to [IX]:



(wherein R<sub>6</sub> to R<sub>12</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted amino group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom.)

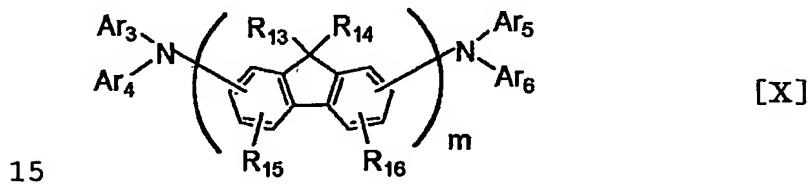
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6. An organic luminescent device comprising at least a pair of electrodes including an anode and a cathode and one or a plurality of layers containing an organic compound sandwiched between the pair of electrodes, wherein at least one of the layers containing the organic compound contains at least one

of the fluorene compounds according to Claim 1.

7. An organic luminescent device according to  
Claim 6, wherein at least an electron transport layer  
5 or a luminescent layer among the layers containing an  
organic compound contains at least one of the  
fluorene compounds.

8. An organic luminescent device according to  
10 Claim 6, wherein at least a luminescent layer among  
the layers containing an organic compound contains at  
least one of the fluorene compounds and an arylamine  
compound represented by the following general formula  
[X] :



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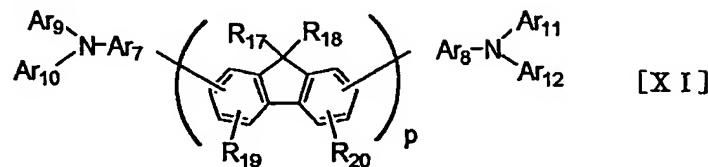
(wherein R<sub>13</sub> and R<sub>14</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a  
substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a  
substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a  
20 substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a  
substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in  
which R<sub>13</sub> themselves or R<sub>14</sub> themselves which are  
bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical  
to or different from each other and R<sub>13</sub> and R<sub>14</sub> which

are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or 5 unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>15</sub> themselves or R<sub>16</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene 10 groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>3</sub>, Ar<sub>4</sub>, Ar<sub>5</sub>, and Ar<sub>6</sub> represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a 15 substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>3</sub>, Ar<sub>4</sub>, Ar<sub>5</sub>, and Ar<sub>6</sub> may be identical to or different from one 20 another and Ar<sub>3</sub>, Ar<sub>4</sub>, Ar<sub>5</sub>, and Ar<sub>6</sub> may be bonded with one another to form a ring; and m represents an integer of 1 to 10.)

9. An organic luminescent device according to 25 Claim 6, wherein at least a luminescent layer among the layers containing an organic compound contains at least one of the fluorene compounds and an arylamine

compound represented by the following general formula

[XI] :



5 (wherein R<sub>17</sub> and R<sub>18</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in

10 which R<sub>17</sub> themselves or R<sub>18</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>17</sub> and R<sub>18</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub>

15 represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a

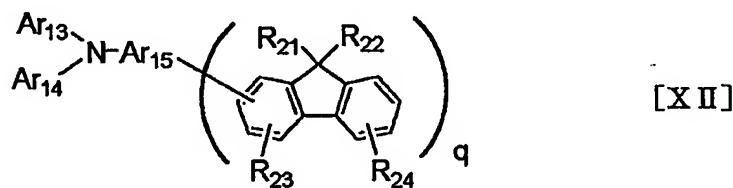
20 halogen atom, in which R<sub>19</sub> themselves or R<sub>20</sub> themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from

25 each other; Ar<sub>7</sub> and Ar<sub>8</sub> represent a divalent

substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>7</sub> and Ar<sub>8</sub> may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>9</sub>, Ar<sub>10</sub>, Ar<sub>11</sub>, and Ar<sub>12</sub> represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>9</sub>, Ar<sub>10</sub>, Ar<sub>11</sub>, and Ar<sub>12</sub> may be identical to or different from one another and Ar<sub>9</sub>, Ar<sub>10</sub>, Ar<sub>11</sub>, and Ar<sub>12</sub> may be bonded with one another to form a ring; and p represents an integer of 1 to 10.)

15 10. An organic luminescent device according to Claim 6, wherein at least a luminescent layer among the layers containing an organic compound contains at least one of the fluorene compounds and an arylamine compound represented by the following general formula

20 [XII]:

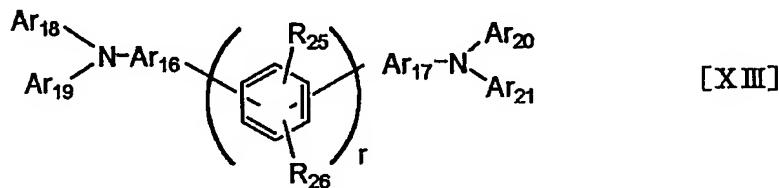


(wherein R<sub>21</sub> and R<sub>22</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which R<sub>21</sub> themselves or R<sub>22</sub> themselves which are 5 bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>21</sub> and R<sub>22</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; R<sub>23</sub> and R<sub>24</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or 10 unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>23</sub> themselves or R<sub>24</sub> 15 themselves which are bonded to different fluorene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>23</sub> and R<sub>24</sub> which are bonded to the same fluorene group may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>13</sub> and Ar<sub>14</sub> represent a substituted or 20 unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>13</sub> and Ar<sub>14</sub> may be 25 identical to or different from each other and Ar<sub>13</sub> and Ar<sub>14</sub> may be bonded to each other to form a ring; Ar<sub>15</sub> represents a divalent substituted or unsubstituted

aromatic group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and q represents an integer of 1 to 10.)

5 11. An organic luminescent device according to  
Claim 6, wherein at least a luminescent layer among  
the layers containing an organic compound contains at  
least one of the fluorene compounds and an arylamine  
compound represented by the following general formula  
10 [XIII]:

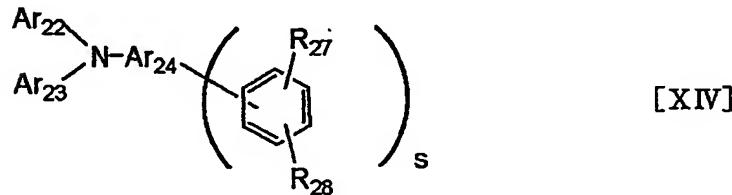


(wherein R<sub>25</sub> and R<sub>26</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a  
substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a  
15 substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a  
substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a  
substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a  
cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>25</sub>  
themselves or R<sub>26</sub> themselves which are bonded to  
20 different phenylene groups may be identical to or  
different from each other and R<sub>25</sub> and R<sub>26</sub> which are  
bonded to the same phenylene group may be identical  
to or different from each other; Ar<sub>16</sub> and Ar<sub>17</sub>  
represent a divalent substituted or unsubstituted

aromatic group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>16</sub> and Ar<sub>17</sub> may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>18</sub>, Ar<sub>19</sub>, Ar<sub>20</sub>, and Ar<sub>21</sub> represent a substituted or 5 unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which Ar<sub>18</sub>, Ar<sub>19</sub>, Ar<sub>20</sub>, and Ar<sub>21</sub> 10 may be identical to or different from one another and Ar<sub>18</sub>, Ar<sub>19</sub>, Ar<sub>20</sub>, and Ar<sub>21</sub> may be bonded with one another to form a ring; and r represents an integer of 1 to 10.)

15 12. An organic luminescent device according to Claim 6, wherein at least a luminescent layer among the layers containing an organic compound contains at least one of the fluorene compounds and an arylamine compound represented by the following general formula

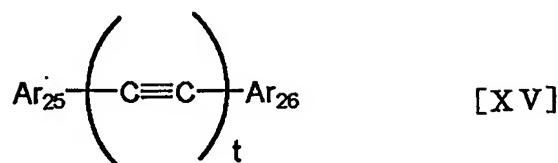
20 [XIV] :



(wherein R<sub>27</sub> and R<sub>28</sub> represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a

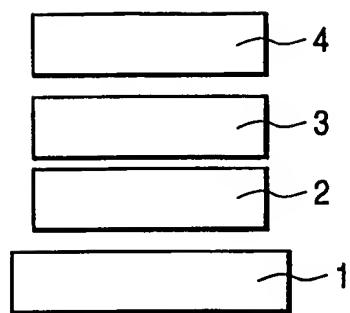
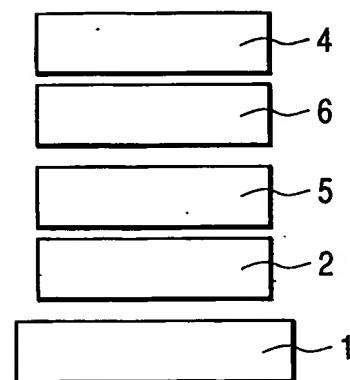
substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a cyano group, or a halogen atom, in which R<sub>27</sub> 5 themselves or R<sub>28</sub> themselves which are bonded to different phenylene groups may be identical to or different from each other and R<sub>27</sub> and R<sub>28</sub> which are bonded to the same phenylene group may be identical to or different from each other; Ar<sub>22</sub> and Ar<sub>23</sub> 10 represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in 15 which Ar<sub>22</sub> and Ar<sub>23</sub> may be identical to or different from each other and Ar<sub>22</sub> and Ar<sub>23</sub> may be bonded to each other to form a ring; Ar<sub>24</sub> represents a divalent substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and 20 s represents an integer of 1 to 10.)

13. An organic luminescent device according to Claim 6, wherein at least a luminescent layer among the layers containing an organic compound contains at 25 least one of the fluorene compounds and an acetylene compound represented by the following general formula [XV] :

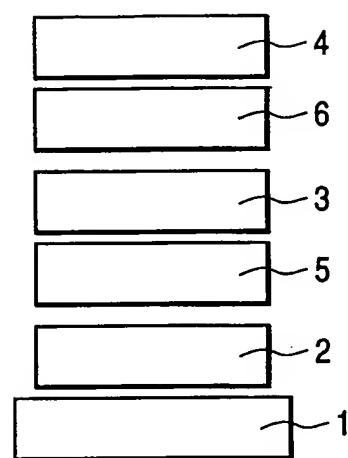
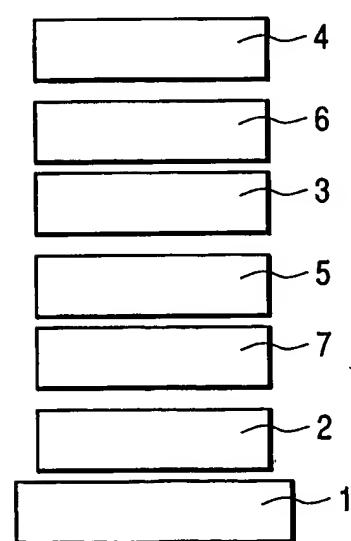


(wherein  $\text{Ar}_{25}$  and  $\text{Ar}_{26}$  represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, a substituted or 5 unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic aromatic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic heterocyclic group, in which  $\text{Ar}_{25}$  and  $\text{Ar}_{26}$  may be identical to or different from each other; and  $t$  10 represents an integer of 1 to 5.)

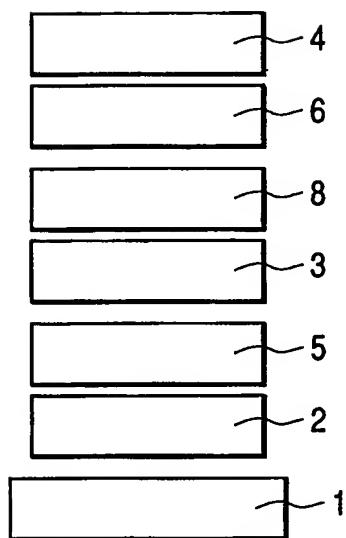
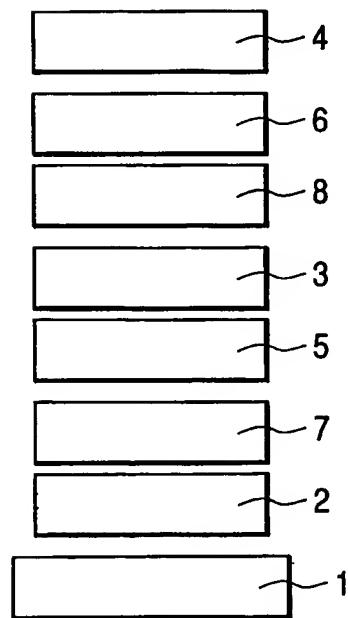
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*FIG. 1**FIG. 2*

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***FIG. 3******FIG. 4***

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***FIG. 5******FIG. 6***

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